

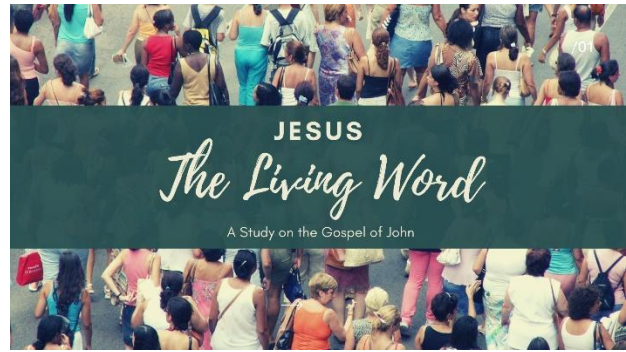
Study: "Jesus the Living Word"

A Study on the Gospel of John

Instructor: Pastor Damian Mericka

Week 8: Gospel of John 2:13-25

Study Notes Jesus- the Word of God



John 2:13-17. Purification of the Temple

- o The time of the Passover would have seen Jews from all over the known Roman world gathering to Jerusalem to observe this feast. This was a very lucrative time for those who lived in Jerusalem and the surrounding areas. Housing, food, along with items to sacrifice with were commodities many turned a profit on.
- o Jesus seeing this was filled with righteous indignation; what was to be a house for all to come and connect with the Father saw hurdles that limited and prohibited.
 - See -> **Psalm 69:9**
- o The Spirit is bringing the Word of God to life in the disciples as they witness the Living Word in motion!

John 2:18-22. Sign of the Temple

- o Just who are you Jesus to be doing this?! The Jewish leaders ask Jesus for a sign authenticating Him and His actions. Jesus responds by affirming the sign of His death, burial, and resurrection (not understood in this moment).
- o The Jewish leaders (and disciples for that matter) think Jesus is referring to the actual Temple which at this time was at its height of beauty and prestige.
- o A greater than the Temple is here in Jesus.
 - See -> **Matthew 12:1-8**
 - See -> **Mark 2:27**

John 2:23-25. Witness of the Temple

- o While many came to place faith in Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus did not commit Himself to them. This means Jesus did not allow His popularity with the people to shape His identity; His identity was in the Father. This is a significant Kingdom Principle for us today. People's opinions change with the wind; popularity today is forgotten tomorrow.
- o In the physical Temple no one but the High Priest could go into the Holy of Holies; and that was only once a year. Jesus as the Living Temple is bringing the Holy of Holies out into the world through His Kingdom!

▪ See -> **John 16:12-15**

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." -John 20:31 ESV

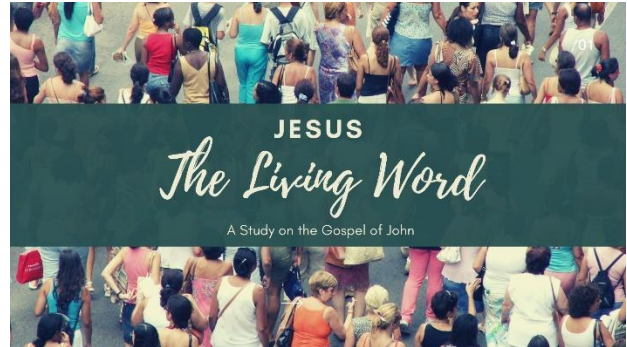
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Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *Why were so many Jews traveling to Jerusalem? How was this a lucrative time for those who lived in and around Jerusalem?*
- 2) *What is **Righteous Indignation** and what did it drive Jesus to do? What Scripture did the Spirit bring to the mind of the Disciples through this episode of Jesus' Ministry?*
- 3) *What did the Jewish leaders ask of Jesus? What was His response? Was He talking about the physical Temple?*
- 4) *What does it mean when the Scripture says Jesus did not commit Himself to people? How does this apply to us today? What or Who should be our source of identity?*
- 5) **BONUS:**
 - a. *Where in Deuteronomy are Jews commanded to return to the Temple to observe Passover?*
 - b. *Have you ever felt like you were held back by someone or something from drawing closer to God? How did that make you feel and how is your relationship with Him today? Are you helping others draw closer or are you making it more difficult for people to draw closer to God? **I know,***

***hard question...I'm always asking myself this with every lesson,
sermon, and conversation <- Pastor Damian.***

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Time
read John Chapter 3:1-21.**