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Christ
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

GOSPEL OF JOHN SERIES – 15
THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS
"TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING"
John 2:13-25

INTRODUCTION

Three Passovers mentioned in John's Gospel: 2:13; 6:4; 11:55

TWO PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING PASSOVER SEASON:

1. THE PROBLEM OF WORSHIP-2:13-22

- A. He **DISCOVERED** the problem in the temple - 14
"temple" – *hieron* - the entire temple complex – v. 14
"temple" – *naos* - refers to the Holy of Holies – v. 19

Such pollution was condemned in *2 Chron. 36:14*

- B. He **DROVE** out the sellers and moneychangers – 15
Malachi 3:1-3

"***whip of cords***" - only other usage - *Acts 27:32* "***ropes***"
Mark 11:15-18

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

C. He **DENOUNCED** their practice - 16
"My Father's house" "a house of merchandise" - **"trade"**.
Isa. 56:7

D. He **DEMONSTRATED** to His disciples the fulfillment of a prophecy - 17 -
Psalms 69:9

E. They **DEMANDED** a sign for what He was doing - 18
John 6:30, Matthew 12:38-42

F. He **DECLARED** His power over death - 19-21
Mark 14:57-65 Temple- naos
1 Cor. 6:19 v. 14 hieron

- His **Control** is clear – 19 - "I will raise it up"
John 10:18
- Their **Confusion** is obvious - 20-21
2 Cor. 4:3-4

G. His disciples **DECIDED** after the resurrection that He was telling the truth
and believed in Him - 22
Luke 24:1-11, 36-53

2. THE **PROBLEM** OF FAITH - 23-25

A. The **REASON** for faith is critical – 23
Matt. 12:38-42; John 6:26

B. The **RESPONSE** to faith is essential - 24
Rev. 2:23 - "I am He Who searches the minds and hearts".

C. The **REPORT** of faith is unnecessary - 25
Matt. 9:4 - "Jesus, knowing their thoughts".

IN THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE, JESUS...

1. Attacked the commercialism of the religious leadership.
2. Exposed the greed.
3. Proclaimed the missionary purpose of the court of the Gentiles.
4. Fulfilled prophecy about the Messiah.