

**Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"House Cleaning"
John 2:12-25
Part-7**

The righteous indignation revealed that Jesus would not tolerate any mockery of the spirit of true worship!

Public Ministry: (3 years) John 1:19-12:50

Theme Of John – "Jesus: God And Savior"

Thought Of Our Passage: "No Man Can Cleanse The Temple. It Took Jesus Christ, God In The Flesh, To Remove The Corruption."

- 1. Verse 12 – Jesus And His Family**
- 2. Verses 13-17 – Jesus And The Building**
- 3. Verse 18-22 – Jesus And His Body**
- 4. Verses 23-25 – Jesus And The Believers**

1. Verse 12 – Jesus And His Family:

John 2:12

"After this" – After the wedding in Cana, John 2:1-11, Jesus performed His First Sign by turning water into wine.

"He went down to Capernaum," – From Cana, it is a distance of about 16 miles.

Pictures Of Capernaum: Matthew 4:13

"He and His mother, and His brothers" – Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3; John 7:5.

2. Verses 13-17 – Jesus And The Building:

John 2:13 – "The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem."

"The Passover of the Jews was near," – Commemorates God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

There are 3 Passovers recorded in John, which is the basis for Jesus' 3 years of ministry. John 2:13; 6:4; 11:55.

Jerusalem had a population explosion. There were usually 250,000, but it would grow to over 3 million people.

“and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.” – He traveled from Capernaum to Jerusalem which is north to south; a distance of about 80 miles.

John 2:14

Pictures of Temple: Temple – Divided Into 5 Different Courts:

- 1. The Court Of The Gentiles – the temple** – Over 3 Football Fields.
- 2. The Court of the Women** – “Middle Court.”
- 3. The Court of Israel** – Men of Israel only would come to worship.
- 4. The Court of the Priests** – Priests alone could enter; Sacrifices.
- 5. The Inner Court Sanctuary Holy of Holies** – For High Priest only.

“those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers” – A Great Service Gone Wrong.

John 2:15

1st Cleansing recorded by John at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry:
John 2:13-22.

2nd Cleansing, the last week of Jesus’ ministry: Matt 21:12-17;
Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48.

Once a year, every Jewish male was required to go to the temple and pay a half-shekel temple tax. (Exodus 30:11-14)

John 2:16

“and to those who were selling the doves” – Leviticus 1:3; 5, Doves and Pigeons were the offering of the poor.

“stop making My Father’s house” – Notice it was “My Father’s” not “Our Father’s.” Jesus acknowledged His Deity, Messiah-ship, relationship to the Father.

His anger was under control. He did not hurt anyone; He was making a point.

"a place of business." – Literally, "emporium," a place where people are concerned about making a fast buck.

What Is The Condition Of The Temple Of Our Hearts When We Come To Worship? Is the temple of our heart free from business and clutter?

Jesus cleansed the temple, to remind us that our hearts belong to Him.

John 2:17

"His disciples remembered that it was written," – Psalm 69:9 – This is a Messianic Psalm that spoke of the coming Messiah.

3. Verse 18-22 – Jesus And His Body:

John 2:18

"What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" – They don't try and defend their practice of extortion, they question His authority to stop it.

Matthew 12:38-40

Malachi 3:1-3

John 2:19

"Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple,'" – (Metaphor) What He is saying refers to the sanctuary or holy place not the temple precincts. Jesus was referring to His body. This is the first prototype of the human temple. 2 Corinthians 6:16

Actually, in destroying Christ's body, they did destroy the temple. After the cross, the temple would be rendered obsolete! (70 AD). His resurrection would lay the foundation for a new spiritual temple, the Church!

Solomon said on the day of dedication – 1 Kings 8:27.

"and in three days I will raise it up." – Speaking of the resurrection.

John 2:20

Verses 21-22 – John’s Explanation: John 2:21 – This happens quite a bit in this Gospel, that the people look at things in the natural instead of the spiritual. John 4:14-15

John 2:22

4. Verses 23-25 – Jesus And The Believers:

John 2:23

“many believed in His name, observing” – our English word “theory”; “to come to understand as the result of perception.” – “His signs which He was doing.”

“beholding His signs which He was doing” – John 3:2

James 2:19

Impressed by His works or words, but not by His worth!

John 2:24

“not entrusting” – the word means – “believing”; Jesus was not believing in them. The same word used in Verse 23 – “many believed in His name,”

It could read, “They believed in Jesus but Jesus did not believe in them.”

“He knew all men,” – Jesus universally knows all people!

John 2:25

Application:

1. No Man Can Cleanse The Temple. It Took Jesus Christ, God In The Flesh, To Remove The Corruption. We Are To Submit To The Cleansing Process, Not Tolerating Corruption, Asking Jesus To Remove It.
2. After The Cross, The Temple Would Be Rendered Obsolete. His Resurrection Would Lay The Foundation For A New Spiritual Temple, The Church.
3. Being Impressed By His Miracles, Works, Or Even His Words Is Not The Basis For Belief In Jesus. The Belief That Saves Is That Which Commits, Clings To Jesus, God’s Son As The Source Of Salvation.