

that you would believe

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## SERMON NOTES

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### Jesus Clears Out the Temple

John 2:13-22

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John 2:13-22 (NLT)

*It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem.*

<sup>14</sup> *In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money.* <sup>15</sup> *Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables.* <sup>16</sup> *Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"* <sup>17</sup> *Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."*

<sup>18</sup> *But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it."*

<sup>19</sup> *"All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."*

<sup>20</sup> *"What!" they exclaimed. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?"* <sup>21</sup> *But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body.* <sup>22</sup> *After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.*

### 3 things we learn from Jesus' anger

#### 1. There are times when it's right to be angry.

Ephesians 4:26 (ESV)

*"BE ANGRY, AND DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger..."*

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**2. Just because something is accepted by society does not mean it's acceptable to God.**

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**3. It's more important to be spiritually correct than politically correct.**

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### Where is the Temple of God today?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)

*Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <sup>20</sup> for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.*

Romans 6:13 (NLT)

*Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.*

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

*Therefore I urge you brothers in view of God's mercy, offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God which is your spiritual act of worship.*

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