

# Jesus Clears the Temple

## John 2:12-25

### Context of this account

- John the Evangelist vs. John the Baptist
- Time period of gospel writing
- Jesus' message/self-identification

### HOW IS THIS ACCOUNT HELPING US BELIEVE (TRUST) & HAVE LIFE IN JESUS?

### Introductory Thoughts:

- Malachi 3:1-3 prophetic to this passage
- Grace & Truth

**12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days. 13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.**

**14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.**

Jesus' anger"

- Location
- Social injustice
- Insensitivity
- Challenges the prosperity gospel

**15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"**

- Resistance?
- Jesus' simple presence throughout the gospels

- John moved this story to early in his gospel

**17 His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”**

“Jesus will be so on fire for the worship of God that he will get badly burned.” (Bruner, 144)

“House”

“Zeal” (Psalm 69:9)

“God deserves honor: Truth One. Jesus is the major bringer of this honor: Truth Two” (Bruner, 145)

**18 The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?” 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”**

**20 They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.**

- “The audacious claim of the Gospel of John is that in making their home with Jesus Christ believers are actually making their home with the living God.” (Bruner 147)
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, and all believers form the body of Christ- 1 Corinthians 12:27

**23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. 24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. 25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.**

**Message:** “During the time he was in Jerusalem, those days of the Passover Feast, many people noticed the signs he was displaying and, seeing they pointed straight to God, **entrusted their lives to him.**”