

Following the Real Jesus: To The Temple

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John 2:12-25

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This is Jesus' first time in the temple on his mission.
The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

¹² After this, Jesus went to the town of Capernaum with his mother, brothers, and followers. They stayed there for just a few days. John 2:12

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover Feast, Jesus went to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves. He saw others sitting at tables, exchanging different kinds of money. John 2:13-14

¹⁵ Jesus made a whip out of cords and forced all of them, both the sheep and cattle, to leave the Temple. He turned over the tables and scattered the money of those who were exchanging it. John 2:15

¹⁶ Then he said to those who were selling pigeons, "Take these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place for buying and selling!" John 2:16

He acts without explanation.

Jesus' whip: a rush or flag-plant; "small cord" once, and "rope" once

At the wedding--At the temple:

He added--now he takes away.

He was invited--now he asserts himself.

He worked behind the scene--now he is in public.

Jesus has authority: Jesus cleared the temple using invisible authority.

They felt it because they already knew he was right.

They are missing the purpose of the temple worship.

Jesus has come to be the final sacrifice for sin.

They are going to miss it! They are distracted by business/busyness.

¹⁷ When this happened, the followers remembered what was written in the Scriptures: "My strong love for your Temple completely controls me." John 2:17

John is telling us this story because it made an impact on him.

He is passing it down to the next generation to make disciples who will make disciples.

¹⁸ Some of his people said to Jesus, “Show us a miracle to prove you have the right to do these things.” John 2:18

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will build it again in three days.” John 2:19

²⁰ They answered, “It took forty-six years to build this Temple! Do you really believe you can build it again in three days?” John 2:20

²¹ (But the temple Jesus meant was his own body. John 2:21

Jesus isn't saying I am going to rebuild this temple. He is saying I am the temple.

Jesus has the right to flip the tables in the temple. If you belong to God he has the right to flip your tables, too.

²² After Jesus was raised from the dead, his followers remembered that Jesus had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and the words Jesus had said.) John 2:22

We don't all believe at the same speed.

²³ When Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover Feast, many people believed in him because they saw the miracles he did. John 2:23

²⁴ But Jesus did not believe in them because he knew them all. ²⁵ He did not need anyone to tell him about people, because he knew what was in people's minds. John 2:24-25

He came to change minds. Beliefs, thoughts, emotions, behaviors.