

CLEANING HOUSE

John 2:12-22

From Wine to Whine...

- ⦿ Jesus takes his family home and stays awhile
- ⦿ Jesus heads south to Jerusalem
- ⦿ Passover was at hand...
- ⦿ Discussions are offered if this is the same or different from the Synoptic Gospels...
 - John puts things together theologically
 - Would Jesus have been able to do this twice?
 - Either way, there is a message for learn

Temple At Large...

- ◎ ½ shekel offering required by the Law
 - Only in the Temple currency, no other accepted
 - Passover could have nearly 1 million who visited
- ◎ Tithe of herds, had to be examined & approved
 - Traveling with your herd could be hard, loss of animals, time, quality of the offering...
 - Many kinds of currencies, during the day... see Acts 1
- ◎ What were the foreigners to do?
- ◎ Kosher animals pre-approved all ready to go...
- ◎ Money Changers ready to “help”... ½ shekels
- ◎ And MONEY was made on every transaction...

Ecclesiastical approval?

- ◎ Things done for the sake of “GOD”?
 - Priests allowed it for their cut of the profits
 - Much is done and sold in the name of religion...
 - Sinners and saints for profit, but not prophets!!!
- ◎ Jesus drives out the animals and overturns tables
 - Not our favorite moment of His ministry...
 - BUT IT SHOULD BE!
 - Freedom from deception is the beginning of truth
 - THOUGHT: where do lies/deception come from?
 - Dove handlers get the message... for the poor!
 - “Stop making MY Father’s house” ... MERCHANDISE!

What do you Remember?

- ◎ The Apostles start thinking of Messiah...
 - It stands written... the very Word of God...
 - Scripture... Zeal for Thy House... Ps 69:9
 - Have to know it to see what is coming...
- ◎ Jewish leaders also start thinking...
 - What's your sign??? You do these things...
 - "(you) destroy this temple, and I will build it in 3 days"
 - Jews sneer back at him his words, "Will YOU?"
 - Temple of His own Body... took time to understand
 - Fulfilled in us today...

Zeal for us...

- ⦿ Jesus was filled with passion for:
 - The place where we meet Him being clean & safe
 - Focus of worship will be HIM not religion
 - Old must be destroyed, by us, HE WILL BUILD IT!
- ⦿ When He was raised...
 - We need to believe and understand what that meant
 - And BELIEVE Scripture and His WORD
 - The NEW is coming...