



New Authority

John 2:13-25
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Jesus is:

- **Cleansing the temple of sin.** (13-16) (Mal. 3:1-2)

Jesus flipped tables of the religious and set tables for the irreligious.

Judgment always starts with us (believers), not them (unbelievers).

1 Peter 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household... (NIV)

Jesus spent more time setting tables than flipping tables.

Jesus was angry. We can be angry and not sin, and sometimes it is sin not to be angry.

There are times when we must have a righteous anger.

Ephesians 4:26 "In your anger do not sin" ... (NIV) (Psa. 4:4)

James 1:19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. (NIV)

The Concerns of Jesus for the Temple: (16)

Mark 11:17 ...he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" (NIV)

- Financial (Jer. 7:11)
- Spiritual (Isa. 56:7)
- Missional (Isa. 56:7)

Now, my body is the temple of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? ... (NIV)

Jesus cleanses what he intends to indwell.

What happens when Jesus walks in the temple of my life?
What in my life is crowding out Jesus?
What tables does Jesus need to flip in my life?

- **Calling people to true worship.** (17) (Psa. 69:9)

God cares deeply about worship.

True worship is not about activity, but authenticity:
Genuine hearts surrendered to God.

A full relationship with Jesus replaces empty religion.

What would it look like for my life to become a "house of prayer" and worship?

- **Claiming his authority over all.** (16-22)

The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate sign of the authority of Jesus as the Son of God.

The temple was a place of God's presence and forgiveness. Jesus is now the True Temple. (John 1:14)

Jesus and Scripture are the foundations of belief.

Am I reading the Gospels and Scripture?
Am I submitting to the authority of Jesus in my life?

- **Committing himself to true believers.** (23-25)

They believed in Jesus, but Jesus did not believe in them because he saw their uncommitted hearts.

A faith that believes only when it sees is more shallow, incomplete, and false.

A faith that believes when it does not see is more deep, full, and real.

Is my faith mainly dependent on what I see and receive?

If today, Jesus walked through every room of my temple (my life), what might he remove, cleanse, and restore? (Psa. 139:23-24)