

# THE GOSPEL IN 3D: Jesus Cleanses the Temple

JOHN 2:14-25

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## ***True Worship of God Requires A True Understanding of Who He Is***

1. The **Problem** with the **Pets** (13-16).
2. The **Sign** of the **Savior** (17-22).
3. True **Worship** Begins with True **Belief** (23-25).

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<sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling oxen, sheep, and doves, and he also found the money changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> After making a whip out of cords, he drove everyone out of the temple with their sheep and oxen. He also poured out the money changers' coins and overturned the tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling doves, "Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

<sup>17</sup> And his disciples remembered that it is written: **Zeal for your house will consume me.**

<sup>18</sup> So the Jews replied to him, "What sign will you show us for doing these things?"

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

<sup>20</sup> Therefore the Jews said, "This temple took forty-six years to build, and will you raise it up in three days?"

<sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> So when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the statement Jesus had made.

<sup>23</sup> While he was in Jerusalem during the Passover Festival, many believed in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. <sup>24</sup> Jesus, however, would not entrust himself to them, since he knew them all <sup>25</sup> and because he did not need anyone to testify about man; for he himself knew what was in man.

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### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here: [www.centralchurch.com/groups](http://www.centralchurch.com/groups)*

- 1. How can Jesus be angry? Isn't anger sinful? Discuss a little about what the difference between the anger Jesus displayed and we often display is.*
- 2. How should Jesus's response to those in the temple cause us to enter into worship? Have you ever been guilty of carrying things into God's House that should not be there?*
- 3. How is it that Jesus can be speaking of his body when he is referring to the temple? What does knowing that we meet God through Jesus now mean for us?*

### **Quote for the Week. . .** by Mark Dever



Questions of who God is and of what He is like can never be considered irrelevant to the practical matters of church life. Different understandings of God will lead you to worship Him in different ways, and if some of those understandings are wrong, some of those ways in which you approach Him could be wrong as well.