

La Jolla Christian Fellowship
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Sermon Notes

The Gospel of John: S2 - E4 // Jesus the Cleanser

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John 2:13-25

13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. **15** And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. **16** And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

18 So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" **19** Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." **20** The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, [c] and will you raise it up in three days?" **21** But he was speaking about the temple of his body. **22** When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. **24** But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people **25** and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Jesus the Cleanse

1. Jesus cleanses the temple.
2. Jesus creates a new temple.
3. Jesus makes us a new temple.
4. We are called to live as a temple.

Questions

1. What caught your attention in the message. Explore and explain.
2. What did you learn about the corruption of the religious leaders in the Jewish temple system? Do you see any similar things happening today in the church at large or in other religious systems (for example the Mormon church)?

3. How is Jesus a new temple? How does the temple become available for non-Jews to come into it?

4. How does He make us, His church, a new temple? What does that mean and look like?

5. How does God keep us as His temple and how do we maintain our temple? What are some examples of when you are or are not keeping your temple as a vessel for the Holy Spirit? (physically, holiness, relationally, your thinking etc.)