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3003 SMITHVILLE RD



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ACTS 6:4

4 AND WILL GIVE OUR ATTENTION TO PRAYER AND THE
MINISTRY OF THE WORD.”



WHAT ARE SOMETHINGS YOU LOVE TO
DO?





WHAT ARE SOMETHINGS YOU LOVE
ABOUT BEING A CHRISTIAN?



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JOHN 2:13-17

13 WHEN IT WAS ALMOST TIME FOR THE JEWISH PASSOVER, JESUS WENT UP TO JERUSALEM. 14 IN THE TEMPLE COURTS HE FOUND PEOPLE SELLING CATTLE, SHEEP AND DOVES, AND OTHERS SITTING AT TABLES EXCHANGING MONEY. 15 SO HE MADE A WHIP OUT OF CORDS, AND DROVE ALL FROM THE TEMPLE COURTS, BOTH SHEEP AND CATTLE; HE SCATTERED THE COINS OF THE MONEY CHANGERS AND OVERTURNED THEIR TABLES. 16 TO THOSE WHO SOLD DOVES HE SAID, "GET THESE OUT OF HERE! STOP TURNING MY FATHER'S HOUSE INTO A MARKET!" 17 HIS DISCIPLES REMEMBERED THAT IT IS WRITTEN: "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

JOHN 2:18-22

18 THE JEWS THEN RESPONDED TO HIM, "WHAT SIGN CAN YOU SHOW US TO PROVE YOUR AUTHORITY TO DO ALL THIS?" 19 JESUS ANSWERED THEM, "DESTROY THIS TEMPLE, AND I WILL RAISE IT AGAIN IN THREE DAYS." 20 THEY REPLIED, "IT HAS TAKEN FORTY-SIX YEARS TO BUILD THIS TEMPLE, AND YOU ARE GOING TO RAISE IT IN THREE DAYS?" 21 BUT THE TEMPLE HE HAD SPOKEN OF WAS HIS BODY. 22 AFTER HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, HIS DISCIPLES RECALLED WHAT HE HAD SAID. THEN THEY BELIEVED THE SCRIPTURE AND THE WORDS THAT JESUS HAD SPOKEN.

WHY DID JESUS OFFEND?

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JESUS LOVED THEM ENOUGH TO SPEAK THE TRUTH

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1. JESUS OFFENDED THE PHARISEES

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MATTHEW 15:7-9;12-14

7 YOU HYPOCRITES! ISAIAH WAS RIGHT WHEN HE PROPHESED ABOUT YOU:

8 “ ‘THESE PEOPLE HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEARTS ARE FAR FROM ME. 9 THEY WORSHIP ME IN VAIN; THEIR TEACHINGS ARE MERELY HUMAN RULES.’ 12

THEN THE DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM AND ASKED, “DO YOU KNOW THAT THE PHARISEES WERE OFFENDED WHEN THEY HEARD THIS?” 13 HE REPLIED, “EVERY PLANT THAT MY HEAVENLY FATHER HAS NOT PLANTED WILL BE PULLED UP BY THE ROOTS. 14 LEAVE THEM; THEY ARE BLIND GUIDES. IF THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND, BOTH WILL FALL INTO A PIT.”





WHO IS THE LORD OF YOU, YOURSELF
OR JESUS?



2. JESUS OFFENDED THOSE OF HIS HOMETOWN

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“ISN'T THIS THE CARPENTER'S SON? ISN'T HIS MOTHER'S NAME MARY,
AND AREN'T HIS BROTHERS JAMES, JOSEPH, SIMON AND JUDAS? 56
AREN'T ALL HIS SISTERS WITH US? WHERE THEN DID THIS MAN GET ALL
THESE THINGS?” 57 AND THEY TOOK OFFENSE AT HIM. BUT JESUS SAID TO
THEM, “A PROPHET IS NOT WITHOUT HONOR EXCEPT IN HIS OWN TOWN
AND IN HIS OWN HOME.”



JESUS OFFENDED THOSE OF HIS HOMETOWN

LUKE 4:29-30

29 THEY GOT UP, DROVE HIM OUT OF THE TOWN, AND TOOK HIM TO THE BROW OF THE HILL ON WHICH THE TOWN WAS BUILT, IN ORDER TO THROW HIM OFF THE CLIFF. 30 BUT HE WALKED RIGHT THROUGH THE CROWD AND WENT ON HIS WAY.





WHAT STOPS US FROM SPEAKING THE TRUTH?



3. HE OFFENDED SOME OF HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS

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JOHN 11:1-3

1 NOW A MAN NAMED LAZARUS WAS SICK. HE WAS FROM BETHANY, THE VILLAGE OF MARY AND HER SISTER MARTHA. 2 (THIS MARY, WHOSE BROTHER LAZARUS NOW LAY SICK, WAS THE SAME ONE WHO POURED PERFUME ON THE LORD AND WIPED HIS FEET WITH HER HAIR.) 3 SO THE SISTERS SENT WORD TO JESUS, "LORD, THE ONE YOU LOVE IS SICK."



JESUS OFFENDED SOME OF HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS

JOHN 11:6

SO WHEN HE HEARD THAT LAZARUS WAS SICK,
HE STAYED WHERE HE WAS TWO MORE DAYS,



JESUS OFFENDED SOME OF HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS

JOHN 11:21 & 32

“LORD,” MARTHA SAID TO JESUS, “IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE, MY BROTHER WOULD NOT HAVE DIED.”



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JOHN 11:4

“THIS SICKNESS WILL NOT END IN DEATH. NO, IT IS FOR GOD’S GLORY SO THAT GOD’S SON MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH IT.”



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PROVERBS 27:6

**6 WOUNDS FROM A FRIEND CAN BE TRUSTED,
BUT AN ENEMY MULTIPLIES KISSES.**

