

A LION CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE
Sermon Outline, John 2:12-25
Sermon Series: The Gospel of John
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- † Revelation 6:16, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (NASB).
- † John 2:12-13, "After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days. ¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem: (NASB).
- † Luke 2:41, "Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover" (NASB).
 - The entire land bustled with the spirit of Passover. Jerusalem, although not a big city by ordinary standards, first century Jewish historian says that during Passover Jerusalem with have as many as _____ pilgrims crowded in and around Jerusalem for Passover. In the first century, Jerusalem had a population between _____ people.
 - Passover was the highest Jewish holiday and it was always celebrated on the _____ day of Nisa (_____) between 3:00-6:00 PM. Passover was an annual celebration to remind the Jews how God finally broke the stubborn and hardened hearts of the Egyptians in Exodus 12.
- † John 2:14-17, "And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; ¹⁶and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume me" (NASB).

At Passover He Went From Being the Lamb of God to the Lion Of Judah! Why?

1. When pilgrims arrived for Passover, they had to pay the Temple tax in either _____ shekels or _____ shekels. Why was this so upsetting for Jesus?
 - a. It cost each male pilgrim ___ day's wage to do the exchange.
 - b. The Temple tax was ___ days wages. So, just to pay your Temple tax, it cost you ___ day's wages.
 - c. All animals to be sacrificed were required to be inspected for blemishes and that cost was _____ day's wage. John 2:14, "And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables" (NASB).
 - d. To buy an animal from the Temple stock went as high as _____ wages. Now we are up to _____ wages just to worship God.
 - e. Jesus got mad over the bare-faced _____ at the expense of the poor and humble pilgrim and that it was being done in the _____.
 - f. Jews in Jesus' day did not call Passover, Passover; instead they called it _____.
 - g. We know Annas had been a former _____. John 18:12-13, "So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him, ¹³and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year" (NASB)
 - h. Josephus and other Jewish historians of that time tell us that Annas was what we might call today a _____.
 - i. Annas and his family was very wealthy. New Testament scholar Kent Hughes said that a few years prior to this Passover, Rome raided the Temple treasury. It is estimated they took what would be the equivalent of \$_____ million today.

What Does The Anger Of Jesus Teach Us?

1. There are times when it's _____ to be angry and to _____ the wrong. When you see an injustice, do you get angry, so angry like Jesus, you choose to _____ just like Jesus did?
2. Just because something is accepted by our _____ does not mean it is accepted by _____.
3. It is more important to be _____ and _____ correct than _____ correct. This means that at times we have to speak the truth in _____ and _____ even if it _____.

What Is John Teaching Us Here About Jesus' Divinity?

1. Jesus' divinity proved His authority over organized religious _____ (John 2:16).
2. Jesus' divinity showed that organized religion is more about what people can _____ rather than helping them to _____.
3. Jesus' divinity showed that organized religion is more about what the _____ says than its spiritual mission, message and purpose is. Our goal at Southside is not to make _____; it is to make _____.
4. Jesus' divinity showed that organized religion is more about _____ than _____.
5. Jesus' divinity showed that organized religion is more about creating a _____ to worship than a _____ for worship (John 2:17).
 - Worship is _____ (John 2:18-22).
 - Jesus Christ did not come to planet earth to _____ religion, but to _____ it. Worship wouldn't be a _____; it would be a _____. And His way would not offer a complicated _____; He would offer them a crucified _____.

+ *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body" (NASB).

Questions That Help Me Apply These Biblical Truths To My Life

1. When it comes to your Temple, He is being patient with you. But do not mistake His _____ with His _____ (John 2:16). Why?
2. When the Lord confronts you, do you get _____, challenging His _____? (John 2:18) When you hear God speak to you through His Word, do you get _____ or do you get _____?
3. When it comes to your relationship to Christ, does your heart have a _____ for what is important to God or are you just _____? (John 2:17).
4. Are you more about _____ as Annas and his Jewish mafia family were or are you more about _____?
5. When you come here on Sundays, do you focus to _____ God or are you just going through a _____ or _____?