

THE RIGHTEOUS ANGER OF CHRIST
JOHN 2:13-25

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, A LITERARY MASTERPIECE OF THEOLOGICAL TRUTHS ON THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST. THE INFINITE SON IN THE GODHEAD (FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT) HAS STEPPED OUT OF GLORY AND BECAME A HUMAN. 33 YEARS JESUS SPENT ON THIS EARTH. HIS LAST 3 YEARS WERE DEDICATED TO MINISTRY. HE GATHERED HIS TRUE FOLLOWERS THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME HIS CHURCH, HE HEALED THE SICK, RAISED THE DEAD, CAST OUT DEMONS, AND CONTROLLED EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE (INCLUDING THE WEATHER) BEFORE GIVING HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY. JOHN'S WHOLE POINT OF THIS GOSPEL IS TO DOCUMENT PROOF THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH. SO THAT, ALL THAT READ IT MAY BELIEVE, AND THAT BY BELIEVING MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME. LAST WEEK WE DISCUSSED JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE. IT WAS AT A WEDDING, FULL OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THE WINE HAD RUN OUT PUTTING THE NEWLYWEDS IN A SOCIALLY SHAMEFUL POSITION THAT WOULD LAST A LIFETIME. BUT GOD, FAITHFUL AND TRUE, TURNED WATER INTO WINE. NOT ONLY DID HE SAVE THE CELEBRATION BUT HE MADE A HUGE STATEMENT. THE OLD COVENANT HAS BEEN FULFILLED IN HIM AND THE NEW WINE(COVENANT) IS HERE, BECAUSE JESUS IS HERE. NO LONGER WILL WORKS BASED RELIGION BE TOLERATED BY GOD. IT WILL BE BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH, IN JESUS CHRIST THE MESSIAH. JESUS CALLS THE HUMBLE AND BROKEN TO HIMSELF, RESTORING BROKENNESS TO HOLINESS. THE HUMBLE WILL BE EXALTED BY HIM AS WE LOVE EACH

OTHER IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD. JESUS IS ABOUT TO PERFORM ANOTHER MIRACLE. THIS TIME HOWEVER, IT IS A SIDE OF JESUS HE DOESN'T SHOW VERY OFTEN. THE RELIGIOUS ELITE HAVE TURNED HIS FATHER'S HOUSE INTO A BUSINESS. WE SEE OUR LORD'S PASSION FOR TRUE WORSHIPPERS AND RIGHTEOUS ANGER AGAINST THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO MANIPULATE AND BLASPHEME THE HOUSE OF GOD.

John 2:13-25 NIV

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." 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.²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to

them, for he knew all people. ²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

THE SYNOPITIC GOSPELS HAVE JESUS CLEANSING THE TEMPLE AT THE END OF HIS MINISTRY. SOME THINK JOHN IS TALKING ABOUT THE SAME EVENT AND PLACED IT IN THE BEGINNING. BUT THE TWO EVENTS DIFFER SO WIDELY THAT IT IS PROMINENT THAT JESUS CLEANSED THE TEMPLE TWICE

John 2:13-14 NIV

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JOHN CALLS IT THE "JEWISH PASSOVER" NOT THE LORD'S PASSOVER POSSIBLY BECAUSE HE'S WRITING TO GENTILES OR BECAUSE THE JEWISH LEADERS HAD SO CORRUPTED THE OBSERVANCE

SHOW SLIDE

PEOPLE THAT SOLD ANIMALS WERE SUPPOSED TO DO IT OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE IN THE KIDRON VALLEY BUT THEY MADE THERE WAY INSIDE PROBABLY BY INSTRUCTION OF THE JEWISH LEADERS

THE JEWISH LEADERS PROFITTED OFF THE SALES. MONEY WAS MADE BY THE TEMPLE TAX THAT WAS ADDED TO ANIMALS AND MONEY CHANGING

John 2:15-16 NIV

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!”

JESUS GATHERED ROPE AND TEATHERED IT TOGETHER
THERE WERE 10’S OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE TEMPLE
IT IS 100% SUPERNATURAL THAT 1 MAN COULD ACOMPLISH
THIS FEET. NOT EVEN THE ROMAN GUARDS MADE A MOVE ON
HIM

JESUS DID NOT HURT ANIMALS OR PEOPLE
EPHESIANS 4:26 “IN YOUR ANGER DO NOT SIN”
HE WAS A LOYAL SON PURGING HIS FATHER’S HOUSE OF
IMPURE WORSHIP

John 2:17 NIV

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

THE DISCIPLES STUDIED SCRIPTURE. THEY WOULD REMEMBER
THIS PROPHECY

Psalm 69:8-9 NIV

⁸ I am a foreigner to my own family,
a stranger to my own mother’s children;

⁹ for zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

SO, WHAT ARE YOU ZEALOUS FOR? EVERYONE IS CONSUMED
BY SOMETHING. THIS CULTURE IS CONSUMED BY SELF
YOU WOULD BE WISE TO BE CONSUMED WITH GOD'S WORD
AND HIS PRESENCE. BE ZEALOUS FOR HIS PLACE

John 2:18 NIV

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us
to prove your authority to do all this?"

JESUS HAD JUST SINGLE HANDEDLY CLEANSED THE TEMPLE
AND THESE HARD-HEARTED UNBELIEVING JEWS ASK HIM FOR A
SIGN

JESUS WOULD SHOW THEM MANY SIGNS

John 12:37 NIV

³⁷ Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their
presence, they still would not believe in him.

John 2:19-22 NIV

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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.

I'LL GIVE YOU A SIGN ALRIGHT, YOU WILL MURDER ME AND I WILL RAISE MYSELF FROM THE DEAD IN 3 DAYS

JESUS CAN SEE WHATS IN THEIR HEART, SO HE SPEAKS TO THEM AS SUCH. JESUS NEVER FORCES CONVICTION ON MEN
JESUS NEVER ANSWERS THEM DIRECTLY BECAUSE HIS TIME HAD NOT YET COME

THE RELIGIOUS ELITE THAT THOUGHT THEY KNEW WORD OF GOD SO WELL, COULD NOT CONNECT THE SCRIPTURES TO JESUS BECAUSE THEY WERE SPIRITUALLY DEAD
IT EVEN TOOK THE DISCIPLES UNTIL JESUS ACTUALLY RESURRECTED TO CONNECT THE DOTS

John 2:23-24 NIV

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.

THERE IS A CONTRAST BETWEEN THE SAVING BELIEF OF THE DISCIPLES AND THE PEOPLE WHO WERE WITNESSES OF THE MIRACLES THAT JESUS PERFORMED

THE DISCIPLES FOCUSED ON GOD'S WORD AND COMMITTED THEIR LIVES TO FOLLOWING JESUS, WHILE THE MANY

FOCUSSED ON THE MIRACLES THEN WALKED AWAY
UNCHANGED

LUST OF THE EYES, LUST OF THE FLESH, AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE

THOUGH THEY BELIEVED IN JESUS, HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN
THEM. HE HAD NO FAITH IN THEIR FAITH
“UNSAVED BELIEVERS”

DEFICIENT FAITH IS:

1. BELIEVING IN JESUS FOR WHAT HE CAN DO FOR YOU
INSTEAD FOR WHO HE IS
2. THINKING TRUSTING GOD IS A POINT OF ARRIVAL RATHER
THAN A POINT OF DEPARTURE

John 2:25 NIV

²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew
what was in each person.

NO ONE NEEDED TO TELL JESUS ABOUT HUMAN NATURE
HE IS OMNISCIENT. HE KNOWS THE HEART OF EVERY PERSON
THIS IS ANOTHER PROOF OF HIS DEITY

ASK YOURSELF THIS QUESTION, “HAVE I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
COMMITTED MY LIFE TO FOLLOW JESUS?”

GOD IS NOT FOOLED NOR IS HE MOCKED

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