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John 2:12-22

Let's Clean Up House (Part 1)

1. The Time of Cleansing (John 2:12-13)

a. Jesus went down to Capernaum (v 12) Matt 4:12-13

b. Jesus went with his mother, brothers and disciples (v 12) John 7:3-9; John 19:25-26; Matt 11:22-23

- c. Jesus went up to the Passover (v 13) John 6:3; 6:1; Exodus 12:1-32; Lev 23:4-8; Numbers 9:1-14; Deut 16:1-8.

Application: Importance of coming together for Corporate worship (Hebrews 10:24-25)

2. The Need for Cleansing (John 2:14-17)

- a. The history and layout of the Temple (v 14) Eph 2:14

- b. The trade in the Temple (v 14)

c. The Miracle performed in the Temple (vv. 15)

d. The reason for the judgment (v 16) Mark 11:17

e. The zeal behind the judgment (v 17) Psalm 69:9

Application: We are God's temple individually and corporately (Eph 2:21; 1 Cor 3:16-17; 1 Cor 6:19-20; Gal 6:1; Heb 12:28; 1 Cor 14; Heb 12:6, 11; 2 Thess 1:7-10; 2 Cor 6:2)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you explain if there was one cleansing or two?
2. What had the temple become? Instead what should have been happening at the temple? See Psalm 138:2; Exodus 30:13-14
3. Does Jesus wielding a whip fit your image of Jesus? Do you know Jesus as the Bible reveals him? Or have you made him into a Jesus you want him to be?
4. How do you help someone who is caught in a sin? Gal 6:1; Matt 18:15-17; 1 Thess 5:14; Romans 15:14; 2 Tim 2:24-26