

DO YOU REALLY KNOW HIM?

LESSON 9: IS YOUR TEMPLE CLEAN?

TEXTS: John 2:13-22; matthew 21:12-13; mark 11:15-18; LUKE 19:45-46

What are some things that make you _____? Discuss them and talk about WHY they anger us.

I. What happened HERE & WHY? - read all 4 texts & discuss them

1. It seems clear that Jesus cleansed the temple _____ during His ministry; once at the beginning, and once during the final _____ of His life. There are _____ between the _____ accounts and _____ account, both in _____ and in _____ that lead us to this conclusion.
2. As we look at this situation, is Jesus _____ or _____? How can we tell?
3. Back up to John 2:13 and the phrase, "The Passover of the _____." Whose feast has this become? Discuss how this might relate to us today.



4. HOW had this become _____? In other words, WHY is Jesus doing this?
 - a. The required temple _____ and the annual temple _____ made both groups _____ to some degree (the sellers of animals and the money changers).
 - b. What began as a _____ became a source of _____ & _____.
5. Do we _____ this from Jesus? Should the _____ have expected it? Let's look at:
 - a. Malachi 3:1-3 (this is a passage referring to the coming Messiah)
 - b. Psalm 69:9 (this is the passage that His disciples remembered in John 2:17)
 - c. Isaiah 56:7 (this is the passage that Jesus quoted from in Mark 11:17)
6. Let's go back to one of our first observations; it is estimated that there were about _____ years in between these two cleansings. What does that tell us? Discuss the _____ that must have been present to cause the same _____ to resurface even after the first cleansing took place.