

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **Where's The Fire?**

John 2:13-17 (ESV)

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Setting: **Passover**

What this passage **isn't** about:

What this passage **is** about:

4 huge problems with their worship:

1. They lost their reverence for _____
2. They were comfortable with _____
3. They went through _____ without _____
4. They were out of sync with God's _____

The **reaction** of the Jews:

John 2:18 (ESV)

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "**What sign do you show us for doing these things?**"

What were they really asking Jesus?

The **reply** of Jesus:

John 2:19-21 (ESV)

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

What does Jesus' response reveal?

What happens if I get "**consumed**" by zeal for God & His glory?

God-honoring **zeal** will make me a ...

1) Better _____

How I worship matters!

2) Better _____

There are so many temples made for God's glory that are instead given over to so many idols! Does that move me into action?*

3) Better _____ (see: Ezek. 33, Jer. 51, Hab. 2, Prov. 8)

Will I confront the evil that dishonors God?

Epilogue ... What some never forgot and some never forgave

John 2:22 (ESV).

²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, **his disciples remembered** that he had said this, **and they believed** the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken..

Matthew 26:59-62 (ESV)

Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" And the high priest stood up and said, "**Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?**"