

Cleaning House

1. What does it tell us Jesus found in verses 13 and 14? Why would this scene anger Jesus? What characteristics of the Father appear to be violated by those people in the temple?
2. How did Jesus show His anger? Would this be considered righteous anger?
3. Of what value is anger to us? How can we be angry without sin (Eph. 4:26)?
4. What is significant of Psalm 69:9 with this event? Should we have similar zeal? How would it look?
5. Verses 18-20 talk about the temple being destroyed. What was Jesus trying to get the disciples to understand? Why were they so confused?
6. It took the disciples a while to understand. How can we apply this example to the growth process of believers?
7. Jesus knows the hearts of others. What would it be like to have that ability? What is it like to realize that God knows your heart?

John 2:13-25 ¹³Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴And He found in the Temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money-changers doing business. ¹⁵When He had made a whip of the cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured the changers' money and overturned the tables. ¹⁶And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" ¹⁷Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

¹⁸So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

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

²⁰Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and You will raise it up in three days?"

²¹But He was speaking of the temple of His body. ²²Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

²³Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, ²⁵and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

Read: John 3:1-21

Monday

1-3 — How would you describe Nicodemus? What did he observe about Jesus? Why did Jesus say what He said?

Tuesday

4-8 — How did Nicodemus understand the concept of being “born again”? Do you think people today understand that term? How are we “born of the Spirit”?

Wednesday

9-13 — What was Jesus confronting Nicodemus about? What claims were made about Himself?

Thursday

14-16 — Read the Old Testament passages containing the serpent account. What observations do you have?

Friday

17-19 — How are people condemned? How are people released from condemnation?

Saturday

20,21 — How do you keep your desires for light rather than darkness? List any questions you have about verses 1-21.
