

LEANING INTO THIS LOVE CHALLENGING OUR PRIORITIES

John 2:13 – 23
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MESSAGE NOTES

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts He found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 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. To those who sold doves He said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning My Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then responded to Him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and You are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple He had spoken of was His body. 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. Now while He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs He was performing and believed in His name. — John 2:13 – 23

Jesus lays claim to the temple and its purposes (usage).

Jesus' claim is to geography and employment.

One of the primary purposes of our place of worship is (Luke 2:41 – 49) instruction and dialogue.

Beware when the misuse of God's house is a bored and lazy interest in His revelation.

Two Questions to Consider:

1. Am I misusing His house?

Instead of attributing the iniquities of the society to the sinful nature of the people the prophets perceive the injustice and idolatry of Israel as a sign of a failure to learn. — Rabbi Nahum

2. Am I misusing ANYTHING else God lays claim too?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was something you took away from this week's message?
- How does the anger or passion of Jesus in this passage reflect on His passion for His temple?
- Brian asked if we were as zealous for the house of God. How would you describe your commitment to the church?
- How do you see your personal role in serving the local church?
- Brian mentioned the misuse of something God claims as His own and offered a few categories. Is there anything in your life that you would say you could use for God's work in a better way?
- Brian mentioned the importance of continuing to learn no matter what your age. How have you seen both progress in this area (of learning) and how has it been difficult for you?
- What is a priority in your life for 2020 that you want to talk to God about?