

Sermon Outline

The Gospel According to John, Part 5 (John 2:13-25)

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Main Idea: This week Jose continues our series in the Gospel of John. In today's sermon, we look at Jesus driving the money-changers from the Temple and declaring he is the new Temple of God, the dwelling place of God and the One through whom access and fellowship with God occur.

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1. Jesus' zeal for the Temple (v 13-17)
2. Jesus' sign of a new Temple (v 18-22)
3. The need for a new Temple (v 23-25)

Key Text/Quotes:

"So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for these things? Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days? But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 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." John 2:18-22

"They were looking for a sign. They were looking for a big miracle, for power and authority. This is it, this is the sign, the greatest miracle of all: that the temple of his body will be destroyed, but Jesus himself will raise it up and restore it in three days, to never be destroyed again. And when that happens, the physical temple of Jerusalem will be obsolete, and the new temple will be raised, and people who believe in Jesus will have fellowship with the Father in Jesus, the new temple." Jose Troche

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read John 2:13-25 and open in prayer.
2. Discuss the importance of and purpose for the Temple in Jerusalem during the OT era. What did it represent?
3. How does understanding the importance of the symbol and purpose of the Temple as the dwelling place of God with his people help us to better understand both Jesus' zeal for it and his anger towards those who were making it "a house of trade"?
4. The Jews asked Jesus for a sign of his authority and reason for why he acted the way he did. Discuss how Jesus' death and resurrection is the greatest sign that he could possibly give to reveal who he is and why he came.
5. Jesus rightfully did not entrust himself to man, for man is fallen and not trustworthy. What does this unflattering assessment of human nature reveal about the grace and mercy of God toward those who have been adopted into his family?
6. Close your time in prayer giving thanks to God the Father, Son and Spirit for the unmerited gift of salvation.

