

**Sermon Outline**  
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**Jesus, Lord of the Temple**  
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**Sermon Text:** John 2:12-22

**Few “Must” memorize verses Genesis 12:1-3**

[14] In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

Temple court= hieron

Temple proper= naos

[15] And 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. [16] And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.” [17] His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

**What is Jesus fighting for and against here that has him so incensed?**

**1. He is fighting for God's mission! God's plan to invite the Gentiles into the covenant. To have them welcome in the house of prayer for all people.**

Isaiah 56:3-8

**2. He is fighting against those who make true religion- Worship of YHWH something available only to those who are racially favored and rich.**

[16] And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.”

**The reaction!**

[18] So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?”

[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.

**You must enter it and worship in it by faith.**

[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.

John 20:31 ...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.