

Gospel of John
Cleansing of the Temple (Part 2)

I. The Setting of Jesus' Cleansing of the Temple (vs. 12-14)

II. The Description of Jesus' Cleansing of the Temple (vs. 15, 16a)

III. The Rationale for Jesus' Cleansing of the Temple (vs. 16b, 17)

-Stated (v. 16b)

-Supported (v. 17; Ps. 69:9) F. D. Bruner: "*Jesus' passion for God's worship led to His passion at human hands.*"

IV. The Sequel to Jesus' Cleansing of the Temple (vs. 18-22)

-Jesus affirms His own power to raise Himself from the dead (John 10:18; Rom. 8:11; Gal. 1:1).

-The Jews never completely forgot Jesus' words. But they did misunderstand and misrepresent them (Matt. 26:61; 27:40; John 2:21; Acts 6:14).

-The disciples themselves didn't understand Jesus' words until after His resurrection (Ex. 19:11; Ps. 16:10; Hos. 6:2; John 2:22).

D. A. Carson: "*The very physical body of Jesus becomes the living abode of God on earth, the fulfillment of all the temple meant, and the center of all true worship. In this temple, the ultimate sacrifice would take place, and within three days of death and burial, Jesus Christ, the true temple, would rise from the dead.*"

Practical Lessons

1) We must not fail to observe how utterly mistaken people can be about truth (Ecc. 1:11).

2) Jesus is the risen, triumphant Head of the church (Eph. 1:20-23).

3) Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the ultimate credential of His Messianic identity and authority (Matt. 12:38-40; Acts 17:30-34; John 11:25; 1 Cor. 1:22).