

The True Temple

John 2:13-22

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Jesus was an invited _____ at the wedding in Cana, but He was an unwelcomed _____ and stranger in the temple a few days later. In Cana He did a miracle of _____, in the temple He cleansed it and foretold _____. To honor Him is to be _____; to dishonor Him is to be _____. The temple is a figure both of the Lord's body and of ours.

A. Cleansing the Temple at Jerusalem

1. At the beginning of Jesus' _____ ministry
 - a. Shortly after the miracle of turning water into _____
 - (1). To manifest His _____
 - (2). To strengthen the _____ of His disciples
 - b. The first time in Jerusalem since His public ministry began
 - (1). To manifest His _____
 - (2). To _____ the spiritual depravity of the religionists
2. Conditions in the temple
 - a. Three _____, or courts
 - (1). The _____ – the building itself with the court of the _____ surrounding it
 - (2). The court of the _____
 - (3). The court of the _____, separated by the "middle wall of partition"
 - b. The court of the Gentiles was the location of the _____.
 - (1). It was supposed to be for Gentiles so they would be _____ to worship Jehovah.
 - (2). _____ changers for the thousands of travelers
 - (3). Selling animals for _____
 - (4). _____ by the Jewish leaders
 - c. Displayed the spiritual _____ of the leaders
3. The cleansing itself
 - a. To begin putting _____ worship back in place

- b. Jesus made a scourge of small cords to hasten _____.
- c. He _____ out the money changers' boxes and overturned their _____.

B. Lessons to Learn

1. The true _____ of the temple
 - a. It is _____.
 - b. My Father's house
 - (1). It identified with the _____ of God.
 - (2). In it God _____ Himself.
 - (3). The earthly house of the _____ King.
 - (4). Man was to _____ with Him.
 - c. 1 Corinthians 6:19
2. The _____ of the temple
 - a. By those who professed to be _____, but only have a _____ of godliness
 - b. They were more concerned about things and _____ rather than _____ hearts and lives.
3. The figure of speech
 - a. The Lord's body
 - (1). Where God _____
 - (2). The Holy of _____
 - (3). He draws _____ to Himself.
 - (4). The resurrection of His body showed _____ fulfillment of redemption
 - b. The believer's body
 - (1). We are bought with a _____ – the blood of Christ.
 - (2). To be presented as a _____ sacrifice – Romans 12:1
4. Jesus demonstrated He has complete _____
 - a. "My Father's house"
 - b. He was claiming to be the Messiah.
 - c. He rose from the dead.