

MESSAGE NOTES

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COME AND SEE | CLEANING HOUSE!

JOHN 2:13-25

BIG IDEA

Jesus isn't safe, but He is GOOD!

OVERVIEW

1. Why did Jesus clean house? Jesus isn't safe! (John 2:13-17)

- Their worship of God was corrupt.
 - "Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" (verse 16)
- The Mission of God for all people was obstructed. (cf Isaiah 49:6)
- It was the time for purification—Feast of Unleavened Bread.
 - "Religion is like a pacifier—it will either keep you busy or put you to sleep." Tony Evans

Question: Does this story fit with the Jesus you follow—someone who acts in righteous anger for the good of all people? Is your Jesus a wimp? Is your Jesus safe?

2. Does Jesus have the right to "clean house"? (John 2:18-19)

- What is Jesus teaching us here?
 - The temple, all of it, is all pointing to me (Jesus). I am the priest who offers sacrifice to God for the sin of the people, I am the sacrifice, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (1:29). I am the person, no longer a place whereby people can meet with God (14:6). No one comes to the Father but by me!
 - Jesus is the temple. The glory of God resides on Him.
- On what basis did Jesus clean house?
 - It was His Father's house: "Zeal for your house will consume me." (Psalm 69:9)
 - It was His house.
 - Jesus is saying, you think I'm mad at you? No, no, no, I'm mad about you!

Question: Which Jesus do you have? The one who's always mad at you or the one who is mad about you?

3. How should one respond when Jesus "cleans house"? (John 2:20-25)

- The Establishment—the religious leadership. "Conviction leads either to conversion or opposition." Wiersbe
 - They had what the Apostle Paul called a "form of godliness." (2 Timothy 3:5)

- o "Between the Christianity of this land, and the Christianity of Christ, I recognize the widest possible difference." Frederick Douglass
- The people—the crowds—believed in His miracles.
 - o People who want Jesus' work but not His word can never share His life.
- The Disciples believed on the basis of God's Word. (cf John 20:31)
 - o They remembered the word in Psalm 69:9 about Jesus (verse 17).
 - o After Jesus' death and resurrection, they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken (verse 22).

Seeing is not believing. Believing is seeing.

THINK ABOUT IT...

So, what about our worship needs to be overturned? What about our faith needs to be redirected?

Do we see the same Jesus that John knew—far from safe but good? The King that came to serve, turned over the tables of religion so that we could meet God and made it happen when He became the sacrifice for our sin.

Do you see Him, this one who is not safe, with the authority to clean house—God's and ours, but oh so good—the one who cleans house to bring us to God? Will you let Him do it? He's not asking us to get our house together, that's religion. He's asking us to trust Him and let Him do that so that we might find life as we place our hope and trust in God!