

IT IS ALL ABOUT WORSHIP ~ JOHN 2:12-25

→ Scripture Reading John 2:13-17

INTRODUCTION

GOSPEL	AUDIENCE	JESUS IS THE ...
Matthew	Jewish	King of the Jews
Mark	Roman	Perfect Servant
Luke	Greek	Perfect Man
John	Christians	God in the Flesh

EARLY MINISTRY IN CAPERNAUM ~ John 2:12

[12] After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

→ Map Overhead

PURIFICATION OF THE TEMPLE ~ John 2:13-17

[13] When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

→ Map Overhead

[14] In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

→ Map of Temple Area

[15] So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. [16] To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" [17] His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

APPLICATION

Mark 11:17 ... "Is it not written: " 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

Jesus Made it Clear...

- He is ~ GOD
- He Came ~ TO DIE

Worship Would ...

- no longer be about a PLACE
- no longer be about Sacrifices & Rituals
- BE about a JESUS

CHALLENGED BY RELIGIOUS LEADERS ~ John 2:18-22

[18] Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" [19] Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." [20] The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" [21] But the temple he had spoken of was his body. [22] After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

APPLICATION

Jesus had Given them a Sign

- He Purified the Temple
- Making it Fit for Prayer and Worship again

➔ **Belief based on Spectacular Signs last ONLY as Long As The Signs**

F. Schaeffer ~ "...it seems most improper to Demand ANYTHING in the Presence of GOD."

MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM ~ John 2:23-25

[23] Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. [24] But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. [25] He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

TAKE AWAY ??

➔ **Anytime JESUS is the FOCUS what we are doing can become WORSHIP**

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NLT) Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, you must do all for the glory of God.

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' [31] The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Worship is to:

- Love God - with ALL our heart, soul, mind, and strength
- Love our Neighbor - as ourselves