# THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

## JOHN 2:12-22

1. **THE LORD'S DISCIPLES WERE ABLE TO DRAW THE SCRIPTURAL CONCLUSION TO WHAT THEY HAD JUST WITNESSED? (2:17)**
   1. There Occurred A Fantastic Display Of Messianic Zeal Because Of What The Lord Had Found In His Temple (2:13-14)
      1. We're Talking About The Entirety Of Herod's Complex
      2. The Jews Typically Purchased Their Sacrifices For Passover Once They Arrived In Jerusalem
      3. The Priests Were "Double Dipping" Making Merchandise Out Of The People And Thus Defiling The Temple
   2. The Lord Took A Decisive Course Of Action As A Result Of His Burning Zeal For The Temple (2:15-16)
      1. The Action He Took Against The Money Changers (2:15)
      2. The Words He Said To The Sellers Of Doves (2:16)
         1. A Clear Directive (2:16a)
         2. A Lesson In Profiteering (2:16b)
         3. A Claim Regarding His Unique Relationship To The Father (2:16b)
2. **THE ACTION THE LORD HAD CHOSEN PROMPTED A RESPONSE FROM THE JEWS (2:18-22)**
   1. The Question Asked: *"What Sign Shewest Thou Unto Us...?"* (2:18)
   2. The Answer Given: *"Destroy This Temple..."* (2:19)
   3. The Incredulous Rejoinder (2:20)
   4. The Infallible Interpretation (2:21-22)