

# THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

## JOHN 2:12-22

### I. THE LORD'S DISCIPLES WERE ABLE TO DRAW THE SCRIPTURAL CONCLUSION TO WHAT THEY HAD JUST WITNESSED? (2:17)

- A. 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
- B. 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)
    - a. A Clear Directive (2:16a)
    - b. A Lesson In Profiteering (2:16b)
    - c. A Claim Regarding His Unique Relationship To The Father (2:16b)

### II. THE ACTION THE LORD HAD CHOSEN PROMPTED A RESPONSE FROM THE JEWS (2:18-22)

- A. The Question Asked: "*What Sign Shewest Thou Unto Us...?*" (2:18)
- B. The Answer Given: "*Destroy This Temple...*" (2:19)
- C. The Incredulous Rejoinder (2:20)
- D. The Infallible Interpretation (2:21-22)