



**Message Date:** January 28, 2024

**Message Text:** John 2:13-19

**Message Title:** A New Temple

**Big Idea:** You do what the temple did.

**Questions:**

1. Share about a time when a passion became lackluster or even a burden.
2. Are you more likely to get bored or burdened by your faith in seasons where things are going your way or are difficult?
3. Read John 2:13-17. How would you feel if you saw Jesus acting this way?
4. Jesus, as a loving prophet, rebukes those in the temple courts by asking a question that we can ask ourselves: In what ways are we handling our faith and worship too casually?
5. When Jesus said that the temple was His Father's house, how did that distinction change the tone? (See verse 16)
6. Read John 2:18-25. Explain in your own words why Jesus had the authority to speak up and express how he felt about how people were treating the temple.
7. What may have been some reasons Jesus did not entrust himself to those believing in Him (v.23-25)? Do any of those or other reasons that you can think of exist for your belief?
8. In verse 23, John mentions that people believed in Jesus' name in response to what happened. Do you have faith in response to who Jesus is or only when you need it? Why does your faith tend to be transactional or related to practicality?
9. Bryan suggested surrounding ourselves with newer or more passionate believers when we see our faith is less vibrant. Consider together some people you can turn to when your faith needs re-energizing.

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN JESUS REVEALED

BRYAN MARVEL · JOHN 2:13-25 · *you do what the TEMPLE did*

## Jesus REBUKES

- SOMETIMES Jesus rebukes and is confrontational. We should ask ourselves when we read about this if that rebuke might be for ME?
- IN WHAT WAYS do I need to be more SERIOUS?

## Jesus REFINES



- AS A PROPHET Jesus embodies God's message and fulfills Malachi 3:1-3 in REFINING the religious system in the temple.
- PERSONALIZES his relationship with His Father's house is also embedded in Jesus' actions in the temple.
- PASSION for His father and their relationship is bound up in Jesus' actions as well. EMOTIONAL
- VOCATIONALLY, Jesus is called to act in this way in the temple - "I WILL RAISE THIS TEMPLE in 3 days." was a cryptic message about HIS BODY that would REPLACE the temple itself - where GOD dwells.

