

John 2:13-25

PASSOVER IN JERUSALEM

Introduction:

I. THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM (2:13-16)

A. The Commercialism (vs. 13-14)

"the Passover of the Jews was near"

"Jesus went up to Jerusalem"

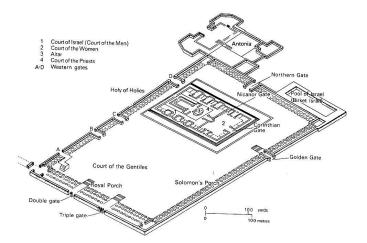
"He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves"

"and the money changers seated at their table"

B. The Cleansing (vs. 15)

"He made a scourge of cords"

- "drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen"
- "He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables"



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C. The Condemnation (vs. 16)

"to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away ... "

"...stop making My Father's house a place of business."

II. "THE TEMPLE OF HIS BODY" (2:17-22)

A. The Exercise of Authority (vs. 17-18)

"His disciples remembered that it was written, 'ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

"The Jews then said to Him, 'What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?"

B. The Explanation of Authority (vs. 19-21)

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

"It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

"He was speaking of the temple of His body"

C. The Effect of His Authority (vs. 22)

"so when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this"

"and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken"

III. A SUMMARY STATEMENT (2:23-25)

A. "many believed in His name" (vs. 23)

"when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast"

"many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing"

B. "He did not entrust Himself to them" (vs. 24)

"but Jesus, on His part was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men"

C. "He knew what was in man" (vs. 25)

"because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man for He Himself knew what was in man"

Food for Thought:

- 1) Does Jesus wielding a whip fit your image of Him?
- 2) What application can/should be drawn from "zeal for your house will consume me"?
- 3) Why does Jesus sometimes speak cryptically to certain people?
- 4) Does Jesus' knowledge of what is in your heart make you uncomfortable?