

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

John 2:12-17

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read John 2:2-17.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

12 After this He went down to Capernaum,

He and His mother and [His] brothers and His disciples;

and they stayed there a few days.

13 The Passover of the Jews was near,

and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And He found in the temple

those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves,

and the money changers seated [at their tables.]

15 And He made a scourge of cords,

and drove [them] all out of the temple,

with the sheep and the oxen;

and He poured out the coins of the money changers

and overturned their tables;

16 and to those who were selling the doves

He said,

"Take these things away;

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

17 His disciples remembered

that it was written,

"ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

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1. Looking back through the previous verses, what does “after this” refer to? Describe what point Jesus is at in His ministry in these verses.
2. Where does Jesus travel to in v. 12?
3. Who is Jesus with?
4. What do Jesus and those who are with Him do in this town?
5. What event is taking place around this time?
6. What other significant part of Jesus’ ministry takes place around the time of the Passover? (hint: John 12:1, 19:14) Where does that part of Jesus’ ministry take place? (hint: John 12:12)
7. Read Exodus 12:23-27. What is the Passover and what was its purpose?

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❖ Day 2

Read John 2:2-17 again.

8. Where does Jesus travel next in v. 13?
9. Where in Jerusalem does Jesus go?
10. Who does Jesus find in the temple?
11. What is being sold in the temple?
12. How does Jesus physically deal with the money changers?
13. What command does Jesus give in v. 16? Who is He giving this command to?

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14. What does Jesus call the temple in v. 16?

15. How did the money changers and sellers view the temple, according to Jesus' words?

❖ Day 3

Read John 2:2-17 again.

16. How do the disciples respond to Jesus' actions?

17. Read Psalm 69, which is referenced in v. 17. Look at v. 9. In that verse, how does the author demonstrate his zeal for the house of the Lord?

a. Who wrote Psalm 69? Who is the "me" in v. 9?

18. Based on how Psalm 69:9 is used in John 2, who do the disciples believe Psalm 69 is speaking of?

19. What attributes of God are highlighted in these actions of Jesus?

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20. Read the accounts of the Temple cleansing at the end of Jesus ministry recorded in Matthew 21:12-13, Mark 11:15-17, and Luke 19:45-46. What differences do you notice?

21. Read Isaiah 56:7 (which is quoted Matthew, Mark, and Luke). What is the purpose of the temple?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that the church would grow in their zeal for the Lord and for holiness, and that we would help each other cultivate thoughts and habits that grow our desire to love the Lord.