

Overturing Tables with Jesus (7-21-24)

Main Verses: John 2:13-17

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'Takeaway': Though we can't cleanse God's temple like Jesus, we can still take a stand like Jesus, against anything that hinders or warps true worship.

Getting Started: Have you ever had a time in church where it was hard to worship? Hard to pay attention? Hard to participate? What happened?



READ 1 Peter 3:18 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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- As Jesus follows & obeys God's covenant perfectly, he suffers reproach for the sake of God's truth.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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