

SERMON SERIES

JOHN | PROCLAIM HIM

John 2:13–25 • Believe: My Father's House

MAIN IDEA

Jesus is passionate about His Father's house, and He will not let good things quietly crowd out worship. He corrects a place where communion had turned into commerce, and He becomes the way to God Himself. And knowing us better than anyone else, He still calls us out of from being fans and into truly following Him.

BACKGROUND

During passover, Jews from all around travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate this important holiday. Here we see Jesus finding out that the outdoor marketplace had been turned into a marketplace of animals and money changers. John places this scene at the very start of Jesus' public ministry, while the other Gospels place it near the end, because John is not writing a timeline. He is writing so that we would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and have life in His name (John 20:31).

01 Jesus Corrects vv. 13–17

Correction is not the opposite of love. It's one of the shapes love takes.

- Jesus didn't destroy the temple, He cleared it and set it right. What good thing in your life has quietly slid into the place only God should hold?
- The one space in the temple set aside for outsiders to find God had become a marketplace instead. Where might routine be crowding out real worship in your life?

02 Jesus Enables vv. 18–22

You can't build your way up to God, so God became the way to God Himself.

- Jesus told them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it up," pointing to His own body. Why do you think the disciples didn't understand until after the resurrection (v. 22)?
- Sometimes you won't understand what Jesus is doing until you're standing on the other side of it. What's something God has made clear to you only in hindsight?

03 Jesus Knows vv. 23–25

There's a kind of believing that Jesus Himself does not trust.

- Many believed in Jesus' name because they saw the signs, but Jesus did not entrust Himself to them (vv. 23–24). What's the difference between being impressed by Jesus and actually trusting Him?
- Verse 25 says Jesus knew what was in people, yet He still moved toward them. How does it change things to know He already knows the worst about you and loves you anyway?

THIS WEEK

Name one good thing that has quietly taken a place in your life that only God should hold. Talk as a family about one step you can take this week to put Him back at the center.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You for caring enough about our worship to correct it. Thank You for becoming the way to You that we could never build ourselves. You already know us completely, so help us stop being fans and become followers who truly trust