

**Allen Temple Baptist Church**

**Sunday School Live** 

## **Cleansing The Temple**

**Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 7:1-15**

**(Reference) Matthew 21:12-17;**

**Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48.**

**Lesson Text: John 2:13-25**



# Adult Vacation Bible School 2025

## *A Family Meeting*

Where Do We Go From Here:  
Freedom or Fascism?

*An Exposition of Luke 4:18-21*

Tuesday, July 29 - Thursday, July 31 • 6:30 PM  
In Person Only



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# Background & Context

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**Passover: Commemorates Israel's deliverance.**  
(Exodus 12)

One of three Jewish feasts

Temple attendance was required for male Jews;  
many families joined.

Massive influx into Jerusalem

# PERSONS, PLACES & EVENTS

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1. JESUS

2. JESUS' **MOTHER MARY**

3. BROTHERS – JAMES, JOSEPH, SIMON, JUDE

4. DISCIPLES - 12 (PLUS)

5. PASSOVER = THE NATION

6. LOCATION - JERUSALEM







# Lesson Outline

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## Introduction

- **I. Jesus' Actions (John 2:13-17)**
  - A. Described (vv.13-16)
- **II. Jesus' Announcement (John 2:18-22)**
  - A. Authority Challenged (vv.18-20)
  - B. Answer Explained (vv.21-22)
- **III. Who to Believe? (John 2:23-25)**
  - A. Jesus (v.23)
  - B. Not Humans (vv.24-25)

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## John 2:13-14

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

# PASSOVER NOTES

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Passover (also called the Pesach This was the first feast in the Jewish calendar year as God directed (Exodus 12:1-2)

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Passover, was followed by the seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread and First fruits):

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Unleavened Bread—its specific purpose was to remember, for all time, God's redemption of Israel from slavery in Egypt.

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*Resource: Jeremiah Bible Study.*

# KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. God's house is for worship, not commerce.**
2. Animals sold for sacrifice at inflated prices..
3. Money changers exchanged foreign currency for temple tax.
4. People were exploited under the guise of worship.

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John 2:15 ESV 

<sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

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John 2:16-17 ESV 

<sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, **“Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.”**

<sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, **“Zeal for your house will consume me.”**

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John 2:18-19 ESV 

**18 So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?”**

**19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”**

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John 2:20-21 ESV 

**20 The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple,[c] and will you raise it up in **three days?**”**

21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

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**John 2:22 ESV** 

22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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John 2:23 ESV 

<sup>23</sup> Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.

# QUESTIONS

1. What Is Worship ???
2. How are we to worship God?
3. John 4:24
4. What are we not to do in worship.
5. Philippians 2:3-4
6. What Does God expect of our worship?
7. Jeremiah 32:39-40

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John 2:23 ESV 


<sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people.

25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

# Jesus **CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE**

**1 Corinthians 3:16** 

You should know that you yourselves are God's temple. God's Spirit lives in you. You surely know that you are like God's special house



Remember God's  
covenant faithfulness.

# Liberating Lesson

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12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

# BIBLICAL STUDY RESOURCES

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1. NASB | NIV | NRSV STUDY BIBLE
2. EXPOSITORS BIBLE COMMENTARY (O.T.)
3. THE GOSPEL OF JOHN D.FORD
4. JEREMIAH BIBLE.
5. INSIGHT FOR LIVING.