

## *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for November 15-16, 2003**

**"The Cleansing of the Temple"**

**John 2:14-17**

What do we learn about Jesus in John 2:12-25?

The first thing that we learned was that Jesus was committed to the Passover (John 2:12-13).

We also learn that Jesus possessed a zeal for the sanctity of God's house (John 1:15-17).

The scourge that Jesus used in John 2:15 was rather unimpressive as a weapon. It was made out of cords (SCHOINON) or reeds. It would sting but not injure.

The anger of God is a deliberate reaction to all that violates His holy name (Exodus 4:14; Numbers 12:9).

The Scriptures specifically tell us that Jesus expressed anger on several occasions (Mark 3:5; 10:14).

The word "drove" (EKBALLO) literally means to cast out, with the suggestion of force.

The effectiveness of the attack was not only made possible by the fierceness of it, but also by a certain level of intrigue that the people may have been experiencing with Christ.

The intrigue that people may have been experiencing with Christ would have been produced by recent miracles performed by Him in Jerusalem (John 2:23).

"Merchandise" (EMPORION) denotes a trading place or a exchange. We get our English word "emporium" from the word that Christ used.

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The issue that Christ is addressing in John 2:14-17 is not what they were doing but where they were doing it.

The temple was to be a house of worship but the sellers and the moneychangers had turned the temple into a market.

Every Christian individually is God's temple (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

As God's temple we cannot allow anything to come into our lives that is inconsistent with the worship of God.

You will know when you have driven out all of those things that are inconsistent with the worship of God when you are filled with praise.

Not only is every Christian individually God's temple but the church corporately is God's temple (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Is zeal for the Lord's house consuming you or are those things that interfere with your personal worship allowed to remain?