

## Morning Worship - June 23, 2013

### John 2:12-22, Capitalism in the Court

#### 1. Introduction - Read John 2:12-22

b. Verses 13-14 Jesus goes to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the Passover Feast

a. In the gospel of John, Christ's movements are centered around the Passover feasts - there are 3 - John 2:13, 6:4, 11:55 - this is also the justification behind the belief that Jesus' ministry lasted 3 years.

b. Do we remember what Passover represented? Deliverance from slavery in Egypt; Israel smeared lamb's blood on the door posts and the death angel \_\_\_\_\_ over them.

3. Verses 14 Jesus finds \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_

a. **14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.**

i. There was nothing wrong with selling these animals and exchanging money - pilgrims came from far away and it would be difficult to bring animals over that distance, plus, any foreign currency that was brought would have to be exchanged for what local currency in Jerusalem and specifically for the annual temple tax.

ii. But what was a problem, was that these business operations were brought into the Temple court, which became a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gentile's worship of God.

4. Verses 14-17 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Capitalism \_\_\_\_\_ the court

a. **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. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."**

i. *Whip out of cords* - most likely he took some rope that happened to be laying around for some reason and made a whip out of it.

ii. After he made the whip he used it and he literally started popping the whip, yelling at the people and consequently drove them out of the courts.

iii. *He drove "them"* - all the people selling the animals and the animals themselves - he ran them out of the courts.

b. Crowd size? A safe estimation of the population of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus would be between 100-300 thousand inhabitants; for Passover week that number would at least triple to nearly 1 million. Imagine how congested it would be in Temple Courts to begin with,

much less with hundreds of animals for sale, plus the money changers. [much like a Bazar]

c. **Poured out the coins of the money changers/overturned their tables**

i. Obviously in disgust over the exchange rate that was being charged to the people that were coming there - thousands of dollars in interest to maintain a \_\_\_\_\_, powerless religious system.

d. **"Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." [Den of robbers, Matt 21:13] 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me.**

1) **Zechariah 14:21** - [in context, this chapter of Zechariah speaks of the coming of the Day of the Lord] "And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the Lord of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the Lord of hosts on that day."

2) **Psalm 69:9** -For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

5. Verse 18-22 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the entire religious \_\_\_\_\_

a. **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." 20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 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.**

b. *What sign do you show us for doing these things?*

i. Did Jesus not just give them a very bold sign?? But it was not the miracle they wanted, they wanted something different.

c. **9 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."**

i. Jesus went straight for the carotid artery telling them to destroy the temple!

d. Notice the religious obsession - **20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"**

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