

THE NOT SO GENTLE JESUS

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Believing Into Life, Part 7

MAIN IDEA: Jealous Jesus comes into our world and turns things upside down to set things right in our lives.

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. **16** To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" **17** His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Not so Gentle Jesus... Jealous Jesus (2 Sam. 6)

What was wrong with the Temple?

The Temple's Purpose: 1) the place where people **connect with God**. 2) the place where **atonement** is made for sins and **forgiveness** is released. 3) the place where **God's presence dwells** and his **glory** is revealed. 4) the place where people **worship** God. 5) where God's **heavenly kingdom touches down** on earth.

That's not what the Temple **is for!**

The place where God dwells is **holy to him**. They've lost the sense **that God is holy**... the value of the sacred.

Whenever **worship becomes commercialized**, we may be unknowingly offending the One we worship.

18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"

21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. **22** After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

What did Jesus' answer to their question mean?

1 Jesus himself is replacing the Temple. **He IS the true Temple!**

2 Jesus previews **how all this will come** to be... thru his **sacrificial death and his resurrection!**

23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. **24** But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. **25** He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person. John 2:13-25

The way you join him... is to believe! To trust him.

To believe is to entrust yourself to him!

Have you entrusted yourself to Jesus? Will you today?

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- Upgrade to a more complete/true view of Jesus!
 - We can take holy things and make them mundane.
 - Jesus himself is the Temple!
 - He is calling us to entrust ourselves to him, follow him.
 - He knows everything about you, and still came for you.