

## **“Jesus Cleans House!”**

John 2:12-22

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“A jealous and avenging God is the LORD; the LORD is avenging and wrathful. The LORD takes vengeance on His adversaries, and He reserves wrath for His enemies” (Nahum 1:2). Jesus is the Lord—so this verse is true of Him. He is a loving, patient, merciful Savior...as well as the perfect Judge. Most people just want the happy Jesus...not the holy Jesus. But He is both. We must know Him for who He truly is. Today in John we see Jesus manifest His perfect, righteous, holy indignation on behalf of protecting the Father’s honor against those who desecrate pure religion.

1. The manifestation of Jesus’ holy anger...He got mad and physical! (2:12-16)  
“He made a scourge of chords and drove them all out of the temple...and overturned their tables.” (2:15)
2. The interrogation about Jesus’ holy anger...the Jewish leaders challenged Him. (2:18, 20)  
“What sign do you show us, seeing that you do these things?” (2:18)

3. The justification for Jesus’ holy anger...  
Scripture and the resurrection. (2:19, 21)  
“Zeal for Thy house will consume Me.”(2:17 & Psalm 69:9)  
  
“Destroy this temple [sanctuary], and in three days I will raise it up.” (2:19; cf. 10:18; Matthew 26:61)
4. The edification from Jesus’ holy anger...His disciples remembered and believed. (2:17, 22)  
“His disciples remembered that it was written...” (2:17)  
  
“When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken.” (2:22; cf. 12:16; 20:8-9)