

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 10, 2021
Fulfilled – John 2:13-25

1. Why, according to verse 13, did Jesus go up to Jerusalem?
 - a. Vacation.
 - b. It was almost time for the Jewish Passover (remember our study earlier in this fulfilled series?)
2. What did Jesus find when he went to Jerusalem?
 - a. People worshiping God.
 - b. People selling cattle, sheep and doves.
 - c. People sitting at tables exchanging money.
3. Why were they selling animals and changing money in the temple courts?
 - a. People who traveled a long way to make their sacrifice might buy their sacrifice when they arrived in Jerusalem rather than bringing their own animal on the long journey.
 - b. Money paid to the temple had to be paid in a certain kind of coin, so people would change the money used in their home country or area into this common coin.
 - c. To take advantage of all the people coming to town to worship.
4. What, according to verses 15-16, did Jesus do when he found this situation?
 - a. He made a whip out of cords and drove all from the temple courts.
 - b. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.
 - c. He told those who sold doves to get out and stop turning his Father's house into a market.
5. What problem did Jesus have with this action?
 - a. According to Matthew 21:13, they had made the temple (which should be a house of prayer) a 'den of robbers'
 - b. In Matthew, Jesus quotes a text in Jeremiah (7:9-11) when God is upset with His people for living ungodly lives and then coming to the temple to worship as if they were godly people.
 - c. The temple courts that were being used for this "market" was likely the court of the Gentiles. Non-Jews could not go beyond this court, so they did not have a place to pray and worship.
 - d. Ultimately, people were making it more difficult for people to come close to God.
6. What did Jesus' disciples remember when he did this? _____
Does zeal for God's house consume you? Yes _____ No _____
What should this look like in the lives of believers today?
 - a. We should keep people from selling things in the "church" building.
 - b. We should make sure that no one comes in the way of people coming to God.
 - c. We should never neglect the opportunity to worship God together with his people.
7. What question did the Jews ask Jesus when he confronted them?
 - a. Who died and made you God?
 - b. Why do we have to do what you say?
 - c. What sign can you show us to prove your authority?
8. What sign did Jesus offer?
 - a. He produced a miracle upon command.
 - b. He alluded to the change of importance from the physical temple to the temple of the Holy Spirit, which dwells in our bodies (and first of all, in his body).
 - c. He pointed to the miracle of the resurrection that was to come.
9. What is the purpose of the signs, according to 2:11? _____