



# Cleansing the Temple

John 2:13-25

2:13–17 How did Jesus demonstrate His deity by what He did at the Temple?

The synoptic gospels record a temple cleansing at the end of Jesus' ministry during the final Passover week before Jesus' crucifixion. How do you reconcile that with John account that occurred at the beginning of His ministry?

2:13 Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem?

What did Jesus do to the merchants and money changers in the temple?

What was the Passover?

Was what Jesus did with the whip cruel?

2:13 What time of year is the Passover?

Is this temple incident a fulfillment of Malachi 3:1-3?

2:14 What did Jesus find in the temple?

Mal 3:1-3 - Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; he will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.

What were the merchants doing in the temple?

Why were the money changers at the temple?

2:16 If the merchants and moneychangers were more honest in their dealings with the people going to the temple would Jesus have treated them differently?

Weren't the merchants and money changer performing a valuable service? What was the problem with them?

2:17 What did the cleansing of the temple cause the disciples to remember?

How did the Jewish religious authorities use this statement to condemn Jesus when they turned Him over to be crucified?

What does Psalm 69:9 tell us about God?

Why did Jesus use symbolic language here? Why didn't He come right out and say that His body would be resurrected?

Given that when David wrote psalm 69:9, he was being persecuted because of his zeal toward God's house and his defense of God's honor. How do you think Jesus' actions in cleansing the temple made the disciple feel?

When did the disciples understand what Jesus was telling them about His resurrection?

2:18-22 In what way did Jesus demonstrate His deity in John 2:18-22?

2:20 How did this verse indicate that the Jews did not understand what Jesus was talking about?

2:18 Who were "the Jews" referred to in this verse?

2:23-25 In what way did Jesus demonstrate His deity in John 2:23-25?

Why did the Jews ask for Jesus to show them a sign?

2:23 What was the result of the miracles Jesus performed?

How was the action Jesus took to cleanse the temple in itself a sign that He had the authority of God?

What does it mean to believe in the name of Jesus?

How did the Jews requesting a miracle from Jesus reflect their unbelief in who He was?

2:24 What does it mean that Jesus did not commit Himself to those who believed in His name?

2:19 What was Jesus referring to in this verse?

What then is the difference between believing in the name of Jesus as verses 23 and 24 refer to versus believing in the name of Jesus that leads to salvation?