

the
GOSPEL
of
JOHN

...that you may believe!

BIBLE STUDY 2

Did you pick up anything new in the sermon or Breakfast Bites this week?

BREAKING THE ICE: Is it ever right for Christians to get angry? When is it acceptable, and when is it sinful?

1. Read **John 2:13-22**. What is the Passover Festival all about (see Exodus 13 if you're not sure)?
2. According to Luke 2:41 Jesus went to the Passover Festival every year growing up. Why did He disrupt the temple proceedings this time around? What prompted His behavior?
3. What were the animals at the temple being sold for, and was this acceptable according to the Law?
4. How do you think the crowd felt watching Jesus in action? Why did nobody stop Him?
5. What is the particular sin Jesus accused the sellers of in vs 16? Why was this offensive to Jesus?
6. If you and I are now the 'Temple of the Holy Spirit' (1 Corinthians 3:16-17), how does Jesus deal with the corruption and wickedness He finds in us? Have you ever experienced Jesus' 'cleansing' in your life?
7. Why do the Jews demand a sign from Jesus in verse 18? What are they hoping for?
8. What sign does Jesus promise the Jews (vs 19), and how would He fulfill that promise?
9. How were the disciples reminded of what Jesus had said, in vs 17 and 22? See John 14:26.
10. Read **John 2:23-25**. What do these verses mean, and what do they tell us about Jesus' sense of authority? Where did He receive His identity and worth from? What do we learn about Jesus' ability to discern the motives of others?
11. What do you think the disciples of Jesus were feeling after they had been following Him for a short time? What would they have found exciting, surprising or daunting so far?

PRAY: That Jesus would do the deep work of cleansing in your own life!

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