

## The Cleansing of the Temple

- Jesus acts for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Jesus is the Son of God who possesses \_\_\_\_\_ over the temple.
- Jesus is the new and better \_\_\_\_\_.
- ➔ Jesus is the person who most fully reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- ➔ Jesus is the person who pays for \_\_\_\_\_ though His own \_\_\_\_\_.
- ➔ Jesus is the person through whom we \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

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### NEXT STEPS:

*This week, take some time to consider and think about your worship of Jesus. When you come to church, do you come to worship and commune with Jesus? Do you worship Jesus at other times in your life? What things can distract you from worship?*

**NEXT WEEK:** *Jesus and Nicodemus | John 3*

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# JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

## Jesus and the Cleansing of the Temple

John 2:13-25  
Sunday, November 20, 2022  
Tim Theule

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*This week in our study of John, we come to Jesus' cleansing of the temple and consider what this teaches us about Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God.*

### The Purpose of the Temple

- The temple was a place that revealed the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- The temple was a place where \_\_\_\_\_ was paid for through \_\_\_\_\_.
- The temple was a place for all peoples to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

### The Desecration of the Temple

- The character of God was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sin and the sacrifices were \_\_\_\_\_.
- Worship and communion with God were \_\_\_\_\_, especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org/groups](http://gracecentralcoast.org/groups)

**CONNECT** (ask these questions to check-in with your group)

Share your Thanksgiving traditions and plans for this year.

**DISCUSS** (use some of these questions to process God's Word together)

1. Read John 2:13-25 together. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? What did you learn? What were your takeaways?
2. Does this picture of Jesus cleansing the temple disturb or challenge you in any way? How do you process this picture of Jesus?
3. How does John 1:14 connect to Jesus' cleansing of the temple? How about John 4:21-24?

4. Without looking at the outline, what does it mean that Jesus is the "new and better temple?" In what ways does Jesus replace the temple?

5. NEXT STEP: When you come to church, do you come to worship and commune with Jesus? What sorts of things in your own life or in the setting here at church distract you from worshipping Jesus? What does worship of Jesus look like outside of church? What things can distract you from worship?

**PRAY** (use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)

- Use John 2:13-25 as a springboard to worship Jesus together through prayer.
- Pray for one another's needs and life circumstances.