

Jesus Is...

The New Temple

Read the following verses: John 2:13-22

Examining the Text:

1. When and where did Jesus' clearing of the Temple take place?
2. What were Jesus' actions and declaration?
3. What recollection was triggered in Jesus' disciples?
4. How did the Jewish leaders respond to Jesus?
5. How did Jesus respond to the Jewish leaders?
6. What did the Jewish leaders understand Jesus to be saying?
7. What did Jesus really mean with what He said about the Temple?
8. What was the disciples' delayed realization about what Jesus said?

Digging Deeper:

1. Jesus is the new Temple replacing Herod's Temple. How do these verses in John 2:13-22 help us to understand this point?
2. How is Jesus being the new Temple confirmed by Revelation 21:22?
3. Read John 1:14, 51 and 2:21. What is the theme that runs through these verses?

The Heart of the Matter:

1. Commerce crowded out the worship of God in the Jerusalem Temple, and Jesus strongly protested against that happening. Today, human affairs can crowd out Jesus, the new Temple, in our lives. Do you have any sense that Jesus is protesting against something in you that is interfering with your worship to God? What areas of your life do you feel are crowding out your real worship to God?
2. Pray together for more freedom in your time and your heart.