



John 2v12-25: Worship at the True Temple

In *John 2v12–25 this Sunday*, we saw Jesus clearing the temple, confronting a system that had become more about profit than prayer. This powerful act reveals not only his righteous anger at false worship but also signals the arrival of a new temple—Jesus himself. The old system of sacrifices had a shelf life, but now, through Christ, imperfect people can be made friends with a perfectly holy God. He is the new place where we meet God, the true Passover Lamb who offers full and final forgiveness through his death and resurrection.

Application

1. As you reflect on the Bible's big storyline, (starting from Genesis and working forwards) what key examples can you name of God's commitment to restoring relationship with his people?
2. Why was Jesus so angry? What examples can you come up with where people might be mixing faith with something it was never meant to be combined with? (- perhaps profit, power, or convenience?)
3. What does it mean that Jesus *is* the temple now? What might our approach to worship - individually or together as a church - say about our understanding of who God is and what he desires?
4. Why does Jesus not 'entrust' himself to them? Is *our* belief in Jesus superficial, incomplete, fearful—or a saving belief (even the size of a mustard seed!) that trusts and follows? (listen in to the end of the sermon if you've not had a chance)