

Sermon Listening Guide (March 29, 2026)

Scripture: John 2:12-22

Sermon Title: “The Cleansing of the Temple”

First Thoughts

This Sunday, we celebrate Palm Sunday as an event that took place just before Passover.

John 2:12-22 also describes an event that happened just before Passover.

As Jesus enters Jerusalem, he focuses on the temple.

Jesus is Angry!

After attending a joyous wedding feast in Cana, Jesus was angered at the temple. In the temple courts, many were involved in money-making and extortion. Many have claimed that Jesus moved from “Lamb of God” to Lion in this chapter alone.

This is not the only time Jesus was angry in the Bible.

Some things in this world should make us angry.

Notice what did and did not make Jesus angry.

Why was Jesus Angry?

The money-making was a symptom of a larger issue.

Jesus was angry because the worship of God was not the primary focus at the temple.

Psalms 69:9 tells us zeal for God’s house should consume us.

As we become de-sensitized to the greatness of God, we downgrade him.

If we do not have a steady diet of God’s word, we are subject to moral depravity.

How are you preparing to worship on Sunday morning?

Could our lack of reverence harm the spiritual lives of others?

What was Jesus’ Point?

In verses 18-22, Jesus draws a comparison between himself and the actual temple.

In 2 Corinthians 6:16, Paul tells believers that their bodies are temples of the Lord.

If Jesus walked into your heart right now, what irreverent activity would he find?

What are the things that take you away from worshipping God?

Final Thoughts

As Jesus inspects our lives and our church, will he find true worship or lazy spirituality?

If he is worthy of worship, he is worthy of your attention.