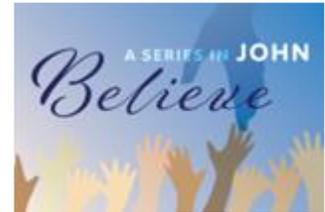


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## **It's Time to Clean House**

John 2:13-25

- 1. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ . v. 13-17.** God longs for a holy place for His presence to dwell.

*Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Matthew 7:1-3*

Application:

- Does Jesus need to clean house in your heart?
- Does Jesus need to clean house at Valley Church?

- 2. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ . v. 18-22.** Only the Messiah can accomplish reconciliation between God and humanity.

*Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. James 1:19-21*

Application:

- Does Jesus have authority over your life?
- How much of my anger is due to my own ego or pride?

3. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ because He knows \_\_\_\_\_ . v. 23-25. Transformation of our hearts is the goal of Jesus.

*For from within, out of the hearts of people, come the evil thoughts, acts of sexual immorality, thefts, murders, acts of adultery, deeds of greed, wickedness, deceit, indecent behavior, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile the person.” Mark 7:21-23*

Application:

- Where have you seen Jesus transform your heart? Where would you like to see his work continue?
- Has being angry kept you from being active in the transformation of your heart?

**Discussion Questions:**

- When was the last time you remember being really mad? Or sort of mad? Or a little irritated? Was it “holy anger” or was it something else?
- Read John 2:15,16. How do you picture Jesus as he cleansed the temple? Was he yelling and screaming at people? Violent? How does this line up with Matt. 11:29?
- Look up Psalm 69:9. Why do the disciples “remember” this later. How does it describe Jesus’ actions? What is there to learn or do for US in this passage?
- Problems with purity in the temple were not new. Read Jer. 7:3-11. What kind of false hope was being put in the temple in Jeremiah’s day? In Jesus’ day? In our day?
- Read Ephesians 4:26-31. Do you think it’s possible to “...be angry and do not sin...”? Why or why not? Can you describe a time in your life when that happened? What else usually tends to get mixed in?
- How do these verses impact how Christians respond to injustice or hurtful and/or sinful practices in the world?
- Sometimes we can’t even know what is in our own hearts. (Jer. 17:9) Jesus knows and still loves us! How does the Gospel give us hope to overcome everything listed in Mark 7:21-23?