

Remembering the Real Jesus - Living a Passion-Filled Life

John 2:12-25

One Couldn't Help But Ask...

1. Keeping in mind the area of the temple discussed; in addition to acts of trade, i.e., selling animals and collecting temple taxes, what other attitude towards God's house was Jesus cleansing from it?
2. What can we say about the apparent contradiction of the ritualistic Passover cleansing required by the temple leaders vs. Jesus' actual act of cleansing?
3. Is it reasonable to think that Jesus' action cured the problem? Let's elaborate on our answer.
4. David Guzik suggests that Jesus' conversion of water to wine followed by a cleansing of the temple is a pattern of behavior, that is, convert then cleanse. Do you agree and is there some significance in it?

Takeaways

1. Rituals, rules, and adornments of or about a place of worship, the one worshiping or the act of worship are not satisfactory substitutes for the personal relationship desired by Jesus of His people.
2. Our King is not in need of anything of the world and offering substitutes for our complete life is an insult to the one who gave His life for us.
3. The sequence of events described by John is the conversion of water to wine and then a cleansing of the temple. Jesus accepts us as we are and then acts to reform our ways to His.