

Group Notes Sunday 2nd March

The cleansing of the Temple.

John 2v13-22.

Main points of the sermon.

- We shouldn't underestimate just how shocking this incident must have been.
- John's gospel contains numerous themes, rhythms, threads that flow throughout. At least 3 are found in this passage.
 1. Passover is fulfilled in Jesus and points to Jesus, especially his death and resurrection
 2. The Temple is fulfilled in Jesus and points to Jesus, especially his death and resurrection
 3. The importance of right worship
John Stott "Modern-day worship which is irrelevant, superficial, distraction-filled, cold, lifeless, sloppy, self-indulgent, hypocritical, ill-prepared or theologically inappropriate will likewise receive his censure, as will worship which detracts from the honour and glory of the living God through a concern for performance and self-display on the part of those leading it."

We need to have the passion and zeal of Jesus in throwing tables over that come in the way of right worship.

Questions to use to follow up the sermon.

- Why would Jesus actions in the Temple have been so shocking? What would a modern equivalent be?
- What do we learn about Jesus from the Passover and from the Temple?
- Why is it important to understand the NT insistence that Jesus fulfilled the promises originally made to the old covenant church (Israel)?
- What tables in your life do you need to throw over to ensure right worship?
- What other tables need to be thrown over in the church to ensure right worship?