

Read: John 2: 13-22; Mark 11: 15-18

The scene in the temple: John 2: 13-16

1. Why was Jesus angry?
2. How did Jesus express His anger?
3. How do we know that Jesus was not out of control with rage?
4. Was cleansing the temple an act of personal outrage or of loyalty to God and His purposes?

The response to Jesus' actions: John 2: 17-20

5. How did His disciples respond?
6. What was the Jews' only question about Jesus cleansing the temple? (Note that they seemed to know the practice of selling in the temple area was wrong. They didn't try to justify their use of the temple; they only tried to see if Jesus' authority was higher than their own.)
7. What was Jesus' answer?

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topic #12)

The disciples' response: John 2: 21-22

8. What miracle would prove that Jesus had the authority to clean up the temple practices?
9. When did the disciples understand what Jesus had meant?

Another time Jesus cleansed the temple: Mark 11: 15-18

10. Why would Jesus do this same thing again?

Today's Thought

How do I handle anger?
Am I angry for the right reasons?
Am I under control?
Are there righteous results from my anger?

Read: John 3: 1-21; Num. 21: 4-9

Nicodemus visits Jesus: John 3: 1-2

1. How does John describe Nicodemus?
2. When did Nicodemus visit Jesus? Why do you think he came then?

Born again: John 3: 3-8

3. The Jews believed the kingdom of God was a reward for services and careful obedience to all the laws and traditions. How is Jesus saying one enters the kingdom of God?

4. Nicodemus wanted to know how this new birth would happen. What is Jesus' answer?

Jesus' authority to speak: John 3: 9-13

5. What did Jesus claim was the source of His teaching?

The snake in the desert: John 3: 14-15 and Num. 21: 4-9

6. What did the Israelites have to do to keep from dying of the snake bites?

The heart of the good news: John 3: 16-21

7. Why did God send Jesus, His Son?
8. What must people do to receive eternal life?
9. How does Jesus say people respond to light?

(See additional study,
topic #13)

Today's Thought

If you have not yet memorized John 3:16, this is a good time to do it. If you know verse 16, why not memorize verse 17 now?

Read: John 4: 1-42

Jesus offers living water: John 4: 1-14

1. What did Jesus ask from the woman? And what did He offer her?

2. What three questions did the woman ask Jesus?

3. What was Jesus really offering her?

The spiritual need of the Woman at the Well: John 4: 15-19

4. Why did Jesus tell her to call her husband?

5. What did she understand about Jesus when He told her what He knew about her?

Revelation about God: John 4: 20-24

6. What does Jesus tell the woman about God the Father?

7. What kind of worship does God want?

The Messiah: John 4: 25-42

8. Who does Jesus say He is?

9. What did Jesus say was His food?

10. Why did the Samaritans believe in Jesus?

Today's Thought

Am I worshiping God with
an open, honest heart,
or am I worshiping
religiously?

Read: John 4: 46-54; Matt. 8: 14-17; Luke 4: 38-44 & 5: 12-14

Jesus heals the official's son: John 4: 46-54

1. What did the royal official ask Jesus to do?

2. Did Jesus do what the official asked Him to do?

3. How do we know the man had faith?

4. What was the final outcome of this miracle?

Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law: Matt. 8: 14-17 and Luke 4: 38-44

5. How did Jesus heal Peter's mother-in-law?

6. Who else did Jesus heal that night?

7. When the people found Jesus the next morning, what did He say was His ministry?

Jesus cleansed a leper: Luke 5: 12-14

8. How did the leper ask for help?

9. How did Jesus heal him?

10. What was the reason Jesus sent the leper to the priest?

(See additional study,
topic #14)

Today's Thought

Do I believe Jesus can and
will heal today?

***Knowing
Jesus***

Read: Luke 4: 14-30; Isa. 61: 1-2; Matt. 13: 53-58

Jesus' good reputation: Luke 4: 14-15

1. What was the attitude toward Jesus in the area of Galilee?

Jesus' preaching in Nazareth: Luke 4: 16-22 and Isa. 61: 1-2

2. How well did the people in the synagogue of Nazareth know Jesus?

3. Isaiah 61: 1-2 is a portrait of what Messiah would do. Why is it so significant that Jesus read these verses?

4. Jesus did not finish reading verse 2 of Isa. 61. Why do you think He stopped where He did?

5. What reactions did the people have to Jesus' teaching that day?

Old Testament examples: Luke 4: 23-30

6. The widow made bread for Elijah from her last meal and God kept Elijah, her, and her son alive throughout the drought. Naaman washed in the Jordan River as Elisha told him to do and he was cleansed from his leprosy. Why were the widow and Naaman helped?

7. Why was Elijah not sent to a widow in Israel or Elisha to lepers in Israel?

8. What was the response of the people of Nazareth? What did Jesus do?

Jesus' later visit to Nazareth: Matt. 13: 53-58

9. Why could Jesus not do many miracles in Nazareth?

(See additional study,
topic #15)

Today's Thought

Am I hearing God's Word,
believing it, and doing it?

***Knowing
Jesus***

Day 1

1. Jesus was angry because men were using the temple area for making money by selling animals for sacrifices and by exchanging money.
2. Jesus made a whip out of cords and drove out all the people who were selling animals and changing money.
3. Jesus did not use the whip on the doves, but told their owners to get them out of there.
4. The cleansing of the temple was an act of loyalty to God and His purposes for the temple.
5. The disciples remembered the Messianic prophecy that mentioned the zeal of the Messiah for the house of God in Psa. 69:9.
6. They only wanted to know by what authority He did it and the only proof they would accept was a miracle.
7. Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."
8. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead would prove that Jesus had the authority to clean up the temple practices.
9. The disciples understood only after Jesus was raised from the dead.
10. Jesus emphasized that the temple should be a place of prayer, not a place of greed. It reminded everyone that His resurrection would prove once and for all that He is the Messiah, God's Son.

Day 2

1. Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a member of the Jewish ruling council. This meant he was a well-educated Jew with high standing in the community. He knew about Jesus' teaching and miracles.
2. He visited at night. Apparently this was a personal, not an official, visit. He did not seem to want others to know he was talking to Jesus.
3. Jesus said one enters the kingdom of God by being born again.
4. Just as we must be born physically- of water, we must be born spiritually- of the Spirit. You cannot see the wind, but you can see its effects. You cannot see the Spirit, but you can see the results of new birth.
5. Jesus claimed that He was teaching what He knew and what He had seen, not just men's theories. He was claiming to be the Son of Man.
6. The Israelites had to believe what Moses said. Jesus was asking Nicodemus to believe Him. (Note: This is a direct reference to Jesus' death on the cross.)
7. God sent Jesus because He loved the world and wanted to save it through Jesus.
8. Anyone who believes will have eternal life. Verse 18 says if anyone does not believe, he has already been condemned. People do not become lost when they refuse to believe; they are already lost. Only believing in Jesus will result in salvation.
9. Because people do wrong they are afraid of light, afraid that their deeds will be exposed. But those who believe and live in the truth are no longer afraid. They want to show what God has done in them.

Day 3

1. Jesus asked for a drink of water. He offered her living water.
2. Why would He, a Jew, ask her, a Samaritan, for a drink? How could He get water without a vessel? And was He greater than Jacob?
3. Jesus was really offering her eternal life.
4. Jesus wanted her to see the deep need in her life.
5. She knew He could only know supernaturally the details of her life. She thought He must be a prophet.

- 6.** Jesus tells her that God is Spirit.
- 7.** God does not want religious forms, but honest worship that comes from the heart.
- 8.** Jesus said, "I am the Messiah (Christ)."
- 9.** Jesus said His food was to do the will of God who had sent Him.
- 10.** Many Samaritans believed because of the woman's testimony. More believed because of what they themselves heard Jesus say. They believed Jesus was the Savior of the world.

Day 4

- 1.** The official begged Jesus to come with him and heal his son. (Note: Capernaum is between 15- 20 miles from Cana.)
- 2.** Jesus did not go with him, but just told him his son would live.
- 3.** The man took Jesus at His word and left for home.
- 4.** The son was healed and the official and his whole household believed in Jesus.
- 5.** Jesus touched her hand, rebuked the fever and it left her.
- 6.** Jesus healed all the sick they brought to Him. (Note: another lesson will be dedicated to the demon-possessed.)
- 7.** Jesus said His ministry was to preach the good news of the kingdom of God.
- 8.** The leper bowed before Jesus. He knew Jesus could cleanse him, but begged that He would.
- 9.** Jesus touched him, spoke to him, and he was immediately healed. (Note: Because leprosy was contagious and was considered especially defiling, Jews maintained a minimum distance of six feet from lepers. Therefore Jesus touching the leper was even more amazing.)
- 10.** Jesus sent the leper to the priest as a testimony of his healing from an incurable disease.

Day 5

- 1.** Everyone praised Jesus as news spread about His teaching and healing ministry.
- 2.** Jesus had been brought up in Nazareth and it was His custom to go to the synagogue.
- 3.** Jesus said He was the fulfillment of this prophecy of Isaiah.
- 4.** "And the day of vengeance of our God" was not being fulfilled on the day He was reading. The first part was being fulfilled by Jesus' ministry. The second part would not be fulfilled until the crucifixion.
- 5.** The people were amazed at His gracious words. But they were also perplexed because they thought they knew Him too well for Him to be the Messiah.
- 6.** They were helped because they believed the prophets and did as they were told.
- 7.** The widows and lepers in Israel would not have believed the prophets.
- 8.** The people of Nazareth were furious. They drove Jesus out of town and tried to kill Him by throwing Him off a cliff. He just walked through the crowd and went on His way.
- 9.** Jesus could not do many miracles in Nazareth because of their lack of faith.

Day 1

12. In John 2:19 Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." His enemies used it repeatedly against him:

At his own trial- Matt. 26:61 and Mark 14:58
While on the cross- Matt. 27:40 and Mark 15:29
At Stephen's trial- Acts 6:14
His prophecy was fulfilled- Luke 24:5- 8

Day 2

13. Born again:

Born into a living hope- I Pet. 1: 3
You have been born again- I Pet. 1: 23
Born of God- I John 3: 9
Everyone who loves- I John 4:7
Believe Jesus is Christ- I John 5: 1
Overcomes the world- I John 5: 4
God keeps safe- I John 5: 18

Day 4

14. Leprosy:

Lepers sent outside the camp- Num. 5: 1-4
Miriam judged with leprosy- Num. 12: 10-15
Naaman healed of leprosy- II Ki. 5: 1-15
Gehazi judged with leprosy- II Ki. 5: 20-27
Uzziah judged with leprosy- II Chron. 26: 16

Day 5

15. Old Testament examples of Gentiles who believed God:

The widow who fed Elijah was Phoenician, not Jewish- I Ki. 17: 1-16
Naaman, the leper cleansed by Elisha, was from Aram- II Ki. 5: 1-14