

# Angry Jesus

Summer Series – Favourite Stories of the Bible

- Jacob & Esau
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  - challenge the picture bible & stories
  - image of Jesus I love
- John 2:12-25

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After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days. When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

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<sup>23</sup>Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>24</sup>But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. <sup>25</sup>He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

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## Some Interesting Things

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 recorded Temple beat downs
  - three Passover's attended
- b) Intentional – controlled violence
  - premeditated and intentional
- c) First major conflict with religious leaders
  - affecting their money
  - challenging their authority

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## Reasons for the Anger

### 1. Bad Business Practices

- setting

#### a) Corrupt Sales Practices

- sacrificial supply and demand

#### b) Exchange of Currency

- caught in a corner with no options

#### c) Compliance of the Leadership

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## 2. Unprepared Worshipers

- huge week in yearly calendar

### a) Supposed to Bring Sacrifice

- Deut. Clear about what God desires
- raise, recognize worth, transport, inspect, sacrifice

### b) Money Problems and the Temple

- consumer or worshipper problem
- put in the place of raising operating costs

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## 3. Blocking Access to Relationship with God

- in the temple: Holy of Holies, Priests, Men, Women, Gentiles

- Huge event – people, preparation, major influx

- a) massive interest in what's being done

- time of great opportunity

- b) one place to get answers

- turned into a flea market, cannot worship there

- c) made about us – who cares about them

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Cannot miss the last verse

- \* people saw and believed – purpose of miracles
- \* Jesus knew their hearts – guarded his
  - understood the human condition
  - did not entrust himself to them – reliant on Father
- \* did not need man's testimony – knew who He was

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## So What

We are the religious establishment – how do we avoid the whip?

1. What Are Our Practices

- doing business with one another, as an organization

2. How are we at Sacrifice

- prepared, inconvenienced and involved

3. Where do others fit, those that do not know

- consumer vs worshippers