

JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE

New Testament Lesson #220

Jesus went to Jerusalem as the time for Passover was nearing.

In the temple courts, Jesus found people selling cattle, sheep and doves and other people were sitting at tables exchanging money.

Jesus then took cords and made a whip out of them.

He chased them and their sheep and cattle out of the temple area. Jesus scattered the coins of the money changers and turned their tables over.

He told the people who were selling doves to leave and exclaimed, "How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

His disciples recalled that it is prophesied in the Old Testament that "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews asked to see a sign to prove that Jesus has the authority to do this. Jesus then told them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

The Jews replied by pointing out that it had taken 46 years to build the temple and then asked how Jesus could possibly destroy it in 3 days.

However, Jesus was referring to his body and after Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered him saying these words.

They then believed the scriptures and the words that Jesus had spoken.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- The prophecy in verse 17 of chapter two appears in the Old Testament and was written by David. "For zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me." (Psalm 69:9, NIV)
- This is the first time that Jesus performed in a public place.

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- I. Jesus found men selling cattle, sheep and doves in the temple courts and others sitting at tables exchanging money.
 - A. He told those who were selling doves to leave and asked them how they dared to make His Father's house into a market.
 - B. Jesus' disciples remembered that it is written that "zeal for your house will consume me."
- II. The Jews asked him what miraculous sign Jesus could show them to prove that he has the authority to do these things.
 - A. Jesus told them to "destroy this temple and I will raise it again in 3 days."
 - B. The Jews answered by saying that it had taken 46 years to build the temple. How could Jesus destroy it in three days?
 - C. However, Jesus was talking about his body.
- III. Once Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what Jesus had said.
 - A. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

ANSWER KEY:

4, 5, 2, 1, 3

1. He found the men selling cattle, sheep and doves.
2. He found others sitting at tables exchanging money.
3. He drove them all from the temple area.
4. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.
5. He said to them, "Get out of here!"

When it was almost time for the Passover Jesus went to the temple. He found something very wrong there.

What happened when Jesus arrived at the temple?

Fit the words in the box into the blanks. Then match the pictures with their descriptions.

all	said	found	temple	sitting	exchanging
men	coins	money	cattle	selling	overturned
out	doves	sheep	tables	scattered	



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① He found the _____
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② He _____ d _____
others _____
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_____ i _____
_____ n _____ .

③ He drove them
_____ l _____ from the
_____ p _____ area.

④ He _____ the
_____ of the money changers and
_____ their tables.

⑤ He _____ to them, "Get _____ of here!"


Name _____

When it was almost time for the Passover Jesus went to the temple. He found something very wrong there.

Jesus found many people selling things in the temple.
To find out what they sold, use an "X" to cross out the items there are only one of.




Jesus scattered the coins of the money changers and upset their tables.



Count the coins.
Trace the correct number.

1 or 2 ?



Count the doves.
Trace the correct number.

8 or 9 ?



Name _____