

John 2

Review John 1 - He came to make us Sons, filled with the Spirit of His Son,
Gates of Heaven, Temples of His Presence

Wedding at Cana - Water into Wine (Jn 2:1-12)

Manifested His Glory (vs 11) before planned time (vs 4)
Influence, Celebration, Better

Passover (planned time) - begins with Cleansing Temple (Jn 2:13-25)

(Isa 42:1-4) ¹“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. ²He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. ³A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. ⁴He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for His law.” (Mt 12:18-21)

Jesus the Meek twice expresses Violent Zeal (vs 17, Ps 69:9) - First & Last Passover (3 yrs)
concern over physical temple? (Mt 24:1-2) - He is the Temple (vs 19, 21)

What is He Zealous about?

(Isa 9:7) Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

How will His Zeal perform this?

(Mt 21:12-14) ¹²Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ (Is 56:7) but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’” (Jer 7:11)

¹⁴Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

(Isa 56:7) Even them (foreigners - vs 6) I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Court of Gentiles (unimportant) - Abraham’s promise: blessed, blessing to nations

Parable of Vinedressers (Mt 21:33-46)

Place of Joyful Prayer vs Religious Activity

followed by Healing (Mt 21:14) & Signs (Jn 2:23)

(Lk 19:41-46) ⁴¹Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴²saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³“For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴“and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.” ⁴⁵Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, ⁴⁶saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house is a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’”

Peace in Religious Practices (lost) vs Visitation

If we want to be His Temple, a Gate of Heaven (Signs),

we must be Joyful Houses of Prayer (Influence, Celebration, Better)

He is Zealous about the Place of Prayer (Visitation, Intimacy)

King Priests increase His Government by Ruling through Intercession

(Rev 5:10) And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

Ever Increasing Government & Peace through Zealous Prayer

We can't let Prayer become the Unimportant Court replaced with Religious Activity.