

5. Jesus and The Temple
 - a. What does Jacob say about the house of God after his dream? (Genesis 28:10-17)
 - b. How does that help us understand what Jesus says to Nathanael and the other disciples in John 1:51?
 - c. What does Solomon say about the Temple he built? (1 Kings 8:27-30)
 - d. What was the purpose of the Temple?
 - e. How was the 'market' in the courts restricting that purpose?
 - f. What does John 1:14 imply about Jesus and the Temple?
 - g. How did Jesus's disciples unravel the riddle of John 2:19?
 - h. If Jesus is the 'temple' where we encounter Jesus, what is the role of the church? (cf. 1 Peter 2:4-5).

Applying it to our lives

6. How might we respond to someone who tells us that they don't believe in 'organised religion'?
7. What might 'Zeal for my Father's house' look like for Christians today?
8. "The pandemic has made us more likely to treat our faith as a private concern and activity."
 - a. Do you agree with the above statement?
 - b. How can we encourage one another to engage with church as a community:
 - i. While the pandemic restrictions are in place?
 - ii. After the pandemic restrictions have been lifted?

GROWTH TEAMS



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**Week Beginning
Sunday 17th January 2021**

Growth Team News

Do you have questions from the talk or want to talk it through further with others? Then why not join one of our Growth Teams?

With lockdown we have two Growth Teams running on Zoom:

Mon. 8:00pm *on Zoom*
Thu. 8.00pm *on Zoom*

Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Paul (01843 592562) for more information or to join a team.

Over the next few weeks, we will be following our sermon series and looking at encounters with Jesus in John's gospel.

Not an Institution

John 2:13-22 (page 1065 in church Bibles)

Space to take notes on the talk

“I don’t believe in organised religion”:

1. A _____ Matter
2. A Means of _____
3. A Perversion of _____

The Temple:

- ❖ Gate of _____
- ❖ T _____
- ❖ T _____

Zeal for his house:

Jesus and the House of God:

Getting to know each other

- ❖ What is the most impressive building you have visited?

Responding to the talk

1. What most surprised you in this week’s talk?
2. Read John 2:13-22
 - a. What did Jesus find in the temple courts?
 - b. What was Jesus protesting about?
 - c. What did his disciples first remember?
 - d. Why did the Jews ask Jesus for a sign?
 - e. What sign does Jesus offer?
 - f. What did the Jews think he meant?
 - g. What did the disciples later realise he meant?
3. “I don’t believe in organised religion.”
 - a. What reasons do you think people have for rejecting organised religion today?
 - b. To what extent are these good reasons?
 - c. What do Jesus’s actions in John 2 show us about his attitude to organised religion?
 - d. Check out John 1:42; 13:12-17,34-35; 15:5-8; 21:15-17. What kind of institution does Jesus want to leave his disciples in charge of?
4. *Going Deeper – Please leave if no time.* Read Psalm 69.
 - a. What is the Psalmist asking to be saved from?
 - b. Why is this Psalm linked with the cross? (See verses 19-21 and John 19:29).
 - c. Look at verse 9, which is quoted in John 2. What does the word, ‘consume’ mean in the context of Psalm 69? (Check out the parallel line and ignore less literal translations!)
 - d. What role in Psalm 69 do the temple authorities in John fit into?
 - e. How will Jesus be consumed by his zeal for the ‘Temple’?