

CLEANSING THE TEMPLE

- I. John 2:12
 - A. After Cana went to Capernaum.
 - B. Decided to go to Jerusalem at Passover as was His custom.
- II. John 2:13-17 – *He challenged the authority of the Chief Priests*
 - A. Temple was his Father's house.
 - B. Temple had become a money-making business.
 - C. Court of the Gentiles had become a stockyard.
 - D. Jesus came to them as prophesied in Malachi 3:1-2.
 - E. No one tried to stop him. *Something about Him made them obey and not raise a hand against Him.*
- III. Psalm 69:9
 - A. Again talked of His Father.
 - B. Showed a side of Jesus many overlooked. He could become angry.
 - C. John 3:2, 4:45 – tells us He performed miracles in Jerusalem before returning to Galilee.
- IV. John 2:18-22
 - A. His actions created quite a stir among the leaders.
 - B. "What sign..." – wanted to know by what authority He did these things.

C. His authority would be His resurrection from the dead.

D. Mark 14:58

V. John 3:1-2 – *Other miracles happened.*

A. Nicodemus – a Sanhedrin.

B. Came secretly.

C. Believed Jesus was a prophet because of miracles.

VI. John 3:3-8

A. Kingdom of God not obtained by natural birth only.

B. Hard for Nicodemus to accept because he believed only the heathen needed to be *converted*.

C. Jesus spoke of two births and went on to reveal His reason for coming in verse 16-21.