

- But they didn't understand Jesus wasn't talking about the temple building they stood beside

- He was talking about His body that would die but that would come back to life again

- And what He said would happen, came true

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**1 Pet. 3:18** – **“...Christ...suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God....”**

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- What Jesus said would happen, really did happen; But the Jewish leaders didn't understand what He meant

- Even Jesus' disciples didn't understand what He meant; And it wouldn't be until later that they realized what He was talking about

### **FLASHCARD 8-6**

- Jesus didn't prove Himself to Jewish leaders by giving them sign they asked for

- But later while in that city, Jesus did many signs

- Many people were amazed when saw these signs, but they didn't truly trust in Him

- But what about you? Have you ever chosen to trust in Jesus as the only One Who can save you from your sin?

### **INVITATION**

**John 1:12** – **“...As many as receive Him (Jesus), to them gave He power (amazing privilege) to become the sons of God...”** (saved from sins & have wonderful relationship with God that lasts forever).

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### **BOW HEADS RESPONSE**

### **CHALLENGE**

**G – Go over MT**

**MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD HATE SIN JUST LIKE GOD DOES – 1 John 2:15 – “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man man love the world, the love of the Father is not in Him.”**

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**W – Will you do it?**

### **Life of Christ #8**

Matthew 2:12-25

- I want you think about a time you got angry...

- Is it ever right to be angry? Going to learn about that in true story from Bible today

- Do you remember the miracle Jesus did at the wedding in Cana?

- After that, Jesus and disciples traveled to city of Jerusalem

- Was time for Passover – a Jewish celebration when they remembered how God rescued Jews from being slaves in Egypt

- When Jesus arrived, He went to the temple – the beautiful building used to worship God

- But when they arrived, this is what they saw

### **FLASHCARD 8-1**

- Right there in the temple's courtyard, saw people selling oxen, sheep, and doves to be used for sacrifices

- They also saw people who were there to change Roman money into money that could be used in temple

- It was good and right for people to exchange money they had so they could give money to God while at temple worshipping Him

- And it was ok that people who traveled from far away would buy animals they would use for sacrifices when they arrived in Jerusalem, instead of traveling all the way with them

- But what wasn't right was that all this was happening in the temple courtyard – where people should have been worshipping God

- Instead of the temple looking like the place where people went to worship God, it looked like a marketplace; People buying and selling

- And worst of all, the people who were selling animals and changing money were probably doing this right where some people were trying to worship God!

- Can you imagine trying to worship God with all of this going on around you?

- How could the Jewish leaders let all this happen? They would have known this was wrong!

- But the Jewish leaders were known by God to be “lovers of money.”

- Meant they loved money, more than they loved God

- When you love something more than God, that’s a sin and is very serious

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**Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”**

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- It was a sin for these Jewish leaders to love money more than God

- Loved money so much, instead of worshipping God at temple like should have, turned temple into place where could make money

### **FLASHCARD 8-2**

- When Jesus saw this, He was angry!

- Most of the time when you and I get angry, it is a sin; But Jesus did not sin when He became angry

- Jesus not angry because someone hurt feelings or things didn’t go His way...

- ... Angry because leaders in temple were sinning against God

- And boys and girls, God hates sin

### **MT – YOU SHOULD HATE SIN JUST LIKE GOD DOES**

- Jesus was angry because people were sinning against God; Jesus hated that sin

### **FLASHCARD 8-3**

- So the Bible says Jesus made a whip of chords

- He was not going to allow religious leaders to do these sinful things in the place where they were supposed to be worshipping God.

- Used that whip to drive all people selling animals and changing money out of temple

- Imagine what this must have been like! Doves probably flying in the air as people, sheep, and oxen all ran to get out of temple

- Then Bible says, while all that was happening, Jesus took the money changers’ tables and flipped them over

- He poured the money the religious leaders were making onto floor!

### **FLASHCARD 8-4**

- He said to the people who were selling the animals...

- “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of business!”

- Jesus hated that the people were treating God’s temple in this way

- It was right for Jesus to be angry about that; Religious leaders were sinning by turning temple into place where could make money

- And remember boys and girls, God hates sin

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- It was right for Jesus to be angry because religious

leaders were sinning in God’s house!

### **FLASHCARD 8-5**

- When the Jewish leaders saw what Jesus did, they became angry too, but their anger was not right

- Were angry because they wanted to be making money!

- Who was Jesus to ruin all of that! So said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?”

- They were saying, show us a sign to prove You really are Who You say You are...

- ... Knew no one would have the right to do what Jesus did except God

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- Didn’t believe Jesus was God the Son

- So they asked for Jesus to show a sign to prove Himself

- Instead of showing sign Jesus said, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

- The Jewish leaders were shocked! Made fun of Jesus saying, “Destroy God’s temple? Raise it in three days? ...