

## “Zeal for God’s House”

### John 2:13-22

- In this text, Jesus seems to act out of character.  
But does he?
- 1. Preparing for Worship: The Journey to the Temple
  - a. The Passover: one of the three major festivals
  - b. The Pilgrimage Psalms 120-134: Songs of Ascent
  - c. The Presence of God: Temple focus (Psalm 84)
- 2. Distracted from Worship: The Temple Emporium
  - a. The Greek word for marketplace is *emporion*.
  - b. Money was changed for the temple tax and purchases.
  - c. Location, location, motivation
- 3. Worship Readiness Restored: Jesus Clears the Temple
  - a. Jesus’ actions in his Father’s house
  - b. Jesus’ authority in his Father’s house
  - c. Jesus’ answer: the true cleansing would be the cross

“But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.” Hebrews 3:6 (NIV)