

## The Status Quo Is Challenged

John 2:13–25 (NIV)

### Introduction

#### I. Purification of the Temple (John 2:13-17)

<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

##### A. Jesus' Zeal for God's House

1. Righteous anger against corruption
2. Fulfillment of prophecy (Psalm 69:9)

##### B. Call to Focus

1. Challenge to Avoid Drift
2. Challenge to Avoid Corruption



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## II. Authority Established (John 2:18-22)

<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

<sup>20</sup> They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

### A. Jesus' Authority Questioned

1. Religious Leaders Demand an Explanation
2. Religious Leaders Demand a Sign

### B. Jesus Reveals His Identity

1. Predicting His resurrection
2. Reveals His Body as True Temple

## III. Shallow Faith Revealed (John 2:23-25)

<sup>23</sup> Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.

<sup>25</sup> He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

### A. The Problem of Shallow Faith

1. Many Believed Because of Miracles
2. Jesus Knows the Heart of Man

### B. The Solution to Shallow Faith

1. Keep Seeking God
2. Grow in Your Faith