



**“HE DROVE THEM OUT –  
The First Cleansing of the Temple”**

*John 2:12 – 25*

1. *THE CLEANSING: “He made a scourge of cords and drove them all out”\** 12-17
2. *THE CHALLENGE: “What sign do You show us as Your authority?”\** 18
3. *THE SIGN: “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”\** 19
4. *THE MISUNDERSTANDING: “It took 46 years to build this temple”\** 20
5. *THE EXPLANATION: “He was speaking of the temple of His body”\** 21, 22
6. *THE MIXED RESPONSES: “Many believed in His name”\** 23-25

*With zeal for Father, Jesus cleansed the temple, and answered that His future resurrection would be the sign of His authority.*

*As the messenger of good news, He inaugurated His ministry by turning the water into wine. Yet this cleansing of the temple reveals His righteousness and judgment. The “Lord, the Messenger of the Covenant” (Malachi 3:1) suddenly came to His temple, and found it defiled. This confrontation foreshadows the crucifixion, but also the resurrection.*

*What was the nature of the sin in this passage?*

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| - Profaning the Temple                            | <i>Leviticus 19:2, 10:3; 1 Pet 1:16</i> |
| - Being Religious but Not Righteous, Hypocritical | <i>Mal 2:5-9; Mat 15:14; 23:15, 27</i>  |
| - Keeping People from God                         | <i>Matthew 21:13</i>                    |
| - Blaspheming God                                 | <i>Romans 2:24</i>                      |
| - Abusing Scripture and Privilege for Gain        | <i>Jude 11</i>                          |

\* Scripture quotations from the NASB.