



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Angry God

John 2:13-25 | Apr 12, 2026



John 2:13-25 - ¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

OBSERVATION | What does the text say?

1. According to John 2:13-14, what was the occasion?

What specific activities did Jesus find happening inside the temple courts?

2. List the physical actions Jesus takes in John 2:15.

3. In John 2:18-20, how do the Jewish leaders respond to Jesus? What specific "proof" or "sign" do they demand from Him?

4. What does John 2:24-25 say about Jesus' willingness to "entrust" Himself to the crowds?

What reason does it give for His hesitation?

INTERPRETATION | What does the text mean?

1. The disciples remembered the quote, "Zeal for your house will consume me" (John 2:17). How does zeal differ from a common temper tantrum or human irritability?
