



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel  
John 2:12-25  
From Sermon 3.19.23

Read *John 2:12-25*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: John 2 makes quite the transition. From the wedding reception miracle to Jesus cleansing the Temple. His action in anger confuses those who only accept a meek, quiet, passive Jesus. Keep in mind: Jesus is God—God has dual natures—He is holy, and He is grace. His displayed passion, here, should be a sober reminder to the modern Church that holy God demand reverence.

1. Before Jesus leaves Galilee, he first goes to Capernaum. Who traveled with Him? Jesus' mother, brothers, & disciples.

1a. What does this (and several other passages) clarify regarding a doctrine of Mary's perpetual virginity. After Jesus was born, she and Joseph and several children. Notably, in the Bible are James & Jude. Both of whom will write inspired books in the New Testament. See also 1 Corinthians 9:5

2. Why did Jesus leave Galilee and enter Jerusalem? To celebrate the Passover and to make His first public appearance.

2a. What was required from worshippers at the Passover? A Sin sacrifice and temple tax.  
See *Leviticus 5:5-7 & Exodus 30:13-14*

3. What two practices angered Jesus to the point of this aggressive action? Conducting business inside the temple grounds & unethical prices and exchange rates for those coming to worship.  
See also *Matthew 21:13*

4. What are some things taking place in the current Church community that likely angers Jesus just a much? Various answers. Compromising the Word in any way. Not preaching a holy God. Making the service about visitors or attendees vs focus on God, reverence, sound doctrine, and repentance. Music and worship that looks far more like the world than the church model.

5. When asked for a sign to authenticate His authority, what did Jesus provide? The prophecy of His resurrection. Then, later, actually resurrecting! Only God is the author of life. Acts 3:14-15

6. Near the end of the key text, John records that many were believing in Him, but He wasn't believing in them. What is the difference between belief and faith? Intellectual knowledge or acceptance vs. placing trust in, following, obeying, & surrender. What I can do for Him vs what He can do for me.  
See also *James 2:19*

7. What was the "if only" fallacy? If only God would do another miracle, lost people would believe.

7a. What is the "God's knows their heart" misconception? Thinking God looks at the heart of the lost and religious and sees sincerity and potential = He'll just forgive or give them one final chance. Truth: yes, God knows their heart. But in every heart He finds, each and every time, is corrupted, sinful, and dead. See Jeremiah 17:9-10