

SERMON OUTLINE John 2:13-22

Consuming Zeal

THE PASSOVER – GOD'S DESIGN

The Origin

The Celebration

THE PASSOVER – THE MODERN REALITY (13-17)

Roman Oppression

Acceptable Sacrifices

Acceptable Currency

JESUS' RESPONSE

THE PROBLEM OF MAN AND THE SOLUTION OF GOD (18-22)

The Problem of Man

The Solution of God

CONCLUSION – THOROUGHLY CHRISTIAN

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that Jesus came to put an end to the world's mockery of God and atone for the sins of those who participated in it. And the big takeaway for us is that living in a thoroughly Christian way means that we will find the limits of what a non-Christian society will tolerate and that at some point societies become so corrupt and hostile to God that Christians will have to resist.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever found the limits of how Christian you can be in our society? Have you ever felt compelled to reject some aspect of social norms because of your faith in Jesus? If not, what do you imagine your line will be?
3. Have you ever heard this idea: when Jesus is faithfully followed, societies flourish? Have you found it to be true?
4. What do you know about Passover? Do you understand its relationship to Christianity?
5. Can you think of any ways that Christians have turned something godly into something selfish?
6. When you read this passage, do you most naturally identify with Jesus in His righteous indignation or with the religious leaders in their "ingenuity" and outrage at Jesus' behavior?
7. What do you imagine Jesus was thinking and feeling as He cleared out the temple? Have you ever thought/felt those things?
8. How does Jesus' promise to be a sacrifice for sin make you feel? Why is it significant that He did so early in His ministry? Why was it necessary?
9. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God in John?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Consider any ways that you are compromising your faith in Jesus for the sake of being accepted by non-Christians. Repent.
11. Consider what lines in society you are not willing to cross. Begin to ask God to strengthen you for whenever that time comes.
12. Draw or paint a picture of this scene.
13. Tell someone about Jesus' sacrifice even if you imagine they will think you foolish or reject the gospel.
14. Make a list of songs that focus on Jesus' worthiness to be praised no matter what. Put that playlist on repeat.
15. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

16. Adoration. Praise God for being merciful and gracious. Praise God for being purposeful in all He does. Praise God for loving the world in such a way as to send Jesus to die for our sins. Praise God for giving us His Word. Praise God for being holy.
17. Confession. Confess any ways you've followed the world instead of Jesus. Confess any ways you've failed to be zealous for the glory of God. Confess any indifference you have to sin. Confess any times you've been gospel-silent in fear.
18. Thanksgiving. Thank God for the picture the Passover is of the gospel. Thank God for providing for us what we could not provide for ourselves (righteousness). Thank God for the gospel. Thank God for the zeal of Jesus.
19. Supplication. Ask God to help us support one another as we follow Jesus through difficult times. Ask God to heal the sick among us. Ask God to fill our community with the fear of the LORD and a heart for the gospel. Ask God to help us understand where it is right to compromise and when it is right to stand in defiance.