

Jesus Turns the Tables

What's the Big Deal About Jesus? Part VIII

John 2:12-17
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Jesus shows us three distinct demonstrations that prove He is the Messiah.

I. Jesus can cleanse sin. John 2:12-17.

Why was He so emotionally charged? Why did He act so strongly and violently?

A. Jesus acknowledged God's presence.

B. Jesus honored God's place.

II. Jesus can conquer death. John 2:18-22.

III. Jesus can discern the heart. John 2:23-25.

Jesus' act of cleansing the temple was an act of "consecration" - a setting aside for a special purpose. The temple was to be set aside for the special purpose of worshipping God. Jesus desires to set us "aside" that we might also worship God.

I. **Salvation** sets us aside positionally.

Three actions completed by God when we are saved:

- A. **Redemption** - an act of Jesus Christ, whereby He has purchased us out of the bondage of slavery to sin. This was accomplished by God through the spilling of Christ's blood (on the cross) in our place. John 3:16.
- B. **Regeneration** - the instantaneous act of God which changes man from a state of spiritual death to a state of true life. God bears us into His family as His child at the moment we receive Christ as our Lord and Savior by trusting in Him. II Corinthians 5:17.
- C. **Justification** - an act of God whereby He declares a believer righteous because Christ has paid the price for the sinner. Acts 13:39.

II. **Sanctification** is a process.

Sanctification is a life-long process where we partner with God to become more like Jesus. I Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 2:10.