

## Jesus Is in Charge Here! March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## John 2:13-22

John 2:13–22 (NIV) <sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." <sup>20</sup> They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

- 1. What's your favorite Bible story about Jesus? Why?
- 2. Briefly retell the story of the Passover (Exodus 29:1-12). Why did God want his people to commemorate this event each year?
- 3. In what way is Jesus our Passover Lamb? (1 Cor. 5:7; John 1:29)

4. Evaluate this statement: When we are distracted from worship, we pass up the opportunity to be set free from the burdens that are at the heart of those same distractions. 5. Agree or disagree and why? Worship is something we do for Jesus in exchange for all he does for us. 6. Agree or disagree and why? It's dangerous to think of Jesus as a handyman we call to fix our problems. 7. Agree or disagree and why? Jesus' zeal for God's house is zeal for us. 8. Why did Jesus speak of his body as God's temple? 9. How is Jesus' resurrection the "sign" that all is right between God and us sinners? 10. Agree or disagree and why? Christians have peace even in the face of trouble. 11. Agree or disagree and why? Christian hope is a "sure thing." 12. Discuss some ways in which we can better prepare for worship.