

The Resurrected Temple

UNCOMFORTABLE: The Shocking Words of Jesus
March 3, 2019



*Small Group discussion questions
for the week of March 3, 2019.*

Jesus is the temple:

1. What is the meaning of a temple?

2. What does Jesus claim about the temple?

- “_____.”

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,
Colossians 2:9

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

- “_____.”

3. What difference will it make to our lives?

- A relationship with God that is _____-based.
- A relationship with God that is _____-based.
- A relationship with God that is _____-focused.

Ice Breaker

In your opinion, what are the most shocking, uncomfortable or hardest to understand words of Jesus?

First Impressions

In Sunday’s sermon on the hard words of Jesus, what was most challenging, helpful or interesting to you? Is there something that you disagreed with or were confused about?

Digging Deeper in the Text

Read John 2:13-25.

1. What are the similarities and the differences between John 2:15-16 and Matthew 21:12-13?
2. Read Isaiah 56:3-7. What upset Jesus in Matthew 21:12-13?
3. Read Psalm 69:9. Why is it significant that the disciples remembered the phrase in Psalm 69?
4. If you were one of the sellers in the temple and you experienced Jesus’ actions, how would you feel? If you were one of the disciples, how would you feel?
5. How is Jesus challenged by the Jews? What effect does his response have on the Jews?
6. Why doesn’t Jesus entrust himself to the crowds in vv. 23-25?

Challenge: Apply the Scriptures

When Jesus says “I am the temple” he is saying that you can have:

- A relationship with God that is grace-based.
- A relationship with God that is submission-based.
- A relationship with God that is mission-focused.

Which aspect of this relationship with God is most challenging to you?