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The Clearing

John 2:12-25 After this, He went down to Capernaum with His mother and brothers and His disciples, and they stayed there a few days. ¹³When the Jewish Passover was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts He found men selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵So He made a whip out of cords and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle. He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those selling doves He said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn My Father's house into a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for Your house will consume Me." ¹⁸On account of this, the Jews demanded, "What sign can You show us to prove Your authority to do these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again." ²⁰"This temple took forty-six years to build," the Jews replied, "and You are going to raise it up in three days?" ²¹But Jesus was speaking about the temple of His body. ²²After He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. ²³While He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the signs He was doing and believed in His name. ²⁴But Jesus did not entrust Himself to them, for He knew all men. ²⁵He did not need any testimony about man, for He knew what was in a man. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. This occurred after the **wedding** in Cana. V. 12
- B. Jesus and His disciples went to Jerusalem for **Passover**. V. 13
- C. In the Court of the **Gentiles**, Jesus found men selling items for the people's sacrifices and tithes. V. 14
- D. Jesus made a whip out of cords and **drove** the animals out of the temple courts. V. 15
- E. Jesus also **poured** out the coins and overturned the tables of the money changers. V. 15
- F. Jesus told those selling doves that they are turning His Father's **house** into a marketplace. V. 16
- G. Jesus's disciples equated this event as **fulfillment** of prophecy from Psalm 69:9. V. 17
- H. The Jews demanded a sign to prove that Jesus had the **authority** to do this. V. 18
- I. The sign that Jesus said would prove this was His **resurrection** from the dead. V. 19
- J. The Jews were unable to make a spiritual interpretation of what Jesus prophesied and kept it to their **human** understanding. V. 20-21

- K. The disciples **recalled** this prophecy after He had risen from the dead after three days and three nights and it helped them to strengthen their belief. V. 22
- L. Jesus **performed** many signs and many people believed in Him. V. 23
- M. However, His time had not yet come so He didn't allow it to become **common** knowledge. V. 24-25

II. What can we learn from this passage?

- A. This is another story meant to strengthen our **faith** in Jesus Christ.
- B. God gets angry when those who know better put up **roadblocks** for others to keep them from coming to know Him.
- C. We need the **mind of Christ** to understand events in our life from His perspective.
- D. The miraculous sign of Jesus being raised after three days and three nights is still a **powerful** sign meant to strengthen our faith.
- E. It is so important that we trust in God for His **timing** and not try to rush things.