

JESUS
"An Example of Manliness"
John 2:13-22

Introduction:

1. **Isaiah 53:2**
2. **Matthew 16:14**
 - a) **John the Baptist**
 - 1) **Matthew 3:7-10**
 - b) **Elijah**
- c) **Jeremiah**
 - 1) **Jeremiah 15:20-21**
3. Apparently Jesus persona was that he could have been mistaken for one of these guys.

CHARACTERISTICS OF JESUS MANLINESS

I. A MAN OF CONVICTION

1. **Vs 13**
2. What was Passover?
 - a) **Leviticus 23:4-8**
3. **Vs 14**
 - a) **"In the Temple he found those who were selling"**
 - b) **"oxen and sheep and pigeons"**
 - c) **"and the money changers sitting there"**
4. **So what was going on?**
 - a) Very Important: Because the Romans ruled Israel and Jerusalem they made all the religious appointees.
 - b) They sold animals to pilgrims and travelers who did not have one.
5. **Matthew 21:12-13**
6. **FACT:** You were not permitted to participate in Passover without a suitable animal.
 - a) And these dirty priests determined what was or wasn't suitable.
7. On top of that scam, every Jewish man over the age of 21 was required to pay a Temple tax.

a) *Exodus 30:13*

8. Jews from all over the Roman Empire came to observe Passover, with their Roman coins, which bore the image of Caesar and that was unacceptable in the Temple.

a) So Roman currency had to be exchanged for Jewish currency.

9. When the Son of God walked into that environment He became indignant.

II. A MAN OF COURAGE

1. Vs 15

a) *"and making a whip of cords"*

1) Very Important: Jesus didn't just find a whip on the ground somewhere!! Perhaps someone had dropped it.

2) Nope - Jesus, *"meek and mild"* took the time to make one

b) *"he drove them all out of the Temple"*

c) *"with the sheep and oxen"*

d) *"and he poured out the coins of the money changers"*

e) *"and he overturned the tables."*

2. Vs 16

3. Vs 17

a) *Psalm 69:9a*

b) *Psalm 69:9b*

4. Jesus felt the dishonor and disrespect of His Father's house.

a) And He could not bear the thought of His Father's house being used to scam people.

5. **POINT:** @ the Risk of His own life in the shadow of the Roman Army and the Jews own Temple guards Jesus cleaned house.

6. So when we face difficult situations we should ask: "What would Jesus do?"

III. A MAN OF CONFIDENCE

1. Vs 19

2. *1 Corinthians 1:22-24*

3. Vs 20

4. They had no idea what Jesus was talking about.

5. *Matthew 26:61*

6. The Temple was extremely sacred to the Jewish leaders.

7. So when Jesus talked about the destruction of the Temple, they took it as "the Temple" and that was blasphemy.

a) And blasphemy became the central charge against Jesus.

8. *Acts 6:13-14*

9. Jesus knew exactly what He was saying!!

a) He knew they would be furious, but He said it anyway.

b) Jesus did not fear what they might do.

10. **TODAY** - We need more people who will speak the truth without fear of the consequences.

11. *2 Timothy 1:7*

12. Jesus was not a pacifist.

CONCLUSION: The Manliness of Jesus calls us to:

1. An aggressively live for Jesus.

2. And pursue a real and vibrant relationship with our God