

## **RIGHTEOUS ANGER**

As preached on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** John 2:13-22

1. Passover, and the pilgrimage that faithful Jews would take to Jerusalem for its celebration, were central to the moral, religious, and political life of the Jewish people. Can you think of an equivalent event and location for Christians?
2. What do Jesus and his disciples find in the temple when they arrive? Why are these items there?
3. Jesus has a notable response. What does he do? Do you imagine that his actions were low-key and primarily symbolic or do you think that he exerted some strength and did some damage through his actions?
4. What was the problem? Why was Jesus upset? Can you think of something equivalent that we might do in our churches today that would elicit the same response from Jesus?
5. In vv.18-22 the Jewish leaders ask Jesus a question about what he's just done. Does he answer their question? What does his answer mean?
6. What do you make of John's commentary in v.22?
7. What is the significance, if any, of the wedding story and temple cleansing story being told one after the other in John's gospel? What do they each teach us about our God?
8. What do you sense God impressing upon you from this week's text? In what intentional way will you choose to respond?