

Jesus' First Cleansing of the Temple Complex at Passover (April 30)

John 2:13–22

13 Now the Jewish feast of Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 He found in the temple courts those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers sitting at tables.

15 So he made a whip of cords and drove them all out of the temple courts, with the sheep and the oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

16 To those who sold the doves he said, "Take these things away from here! Do not make my Father's house a marketplace!"

17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "*Zeal for your house will devour me.*" [[Ps 69:9](#)]

18 So then the Jewish leaders responded, "What sign can you show us, since you are doing these things?"

19 Jesus replied, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up again."

20 Then the Jewish leaders said to him, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and are you going to raise it up in three days?"

21 But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body.

22 So after he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the saying that Jesus had spoken.

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