



March 3rd 2024 3rd Sunday in Lent – Year B – John 2:13 – 25

²⁻¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’ ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ ¹⁹Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ²⁰The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. ²³When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition. ➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).
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In this week’s gospel we see Jesus driving people out of the temple. There was nothing corrupt going on because these people were all acting in accordance with the Law of Moses. This model needed challenging. They had turned what should be a place of sacredness into a place where what is important is monetary value.

What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing?
Where do you look for hope ?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the deep lessons of life we learn from great people who work for peace on this earth by bringing their belief in you into action without fear.

Forgive us Lord for the times that we are no longer annoyed when people and sacred places are being violated.

Lord help us to remember that the only sanctuary that counts is the body of Jesus. Help us to be his body in our community bringing justice and peace to all