**Two Displays of the Glory of Christ’s Passion for True Worship (John 2:13-22)**

1. His Zeal for His Father’s Worship Leads Him to Oppose False Worship at the Cost of His Life (vv.13-17)
   1. Jesus Confronts a System of False Worship (vv.13-16)
      1. The corrupt system (vv.13-14)

*“Instead of solemn dignity and the murmur of prayer, there is the bellowing of cattle and the bleating of sheep. Instead of brokenness and contrition, holy adoration and prolonged petition, there is noisy commerce.” (Carson)*

* + 1. The angry Christ (vv.15-16)
       1. His actions (v.15)

*“It was surely the blazing anger of the selfless Christ rather than the weapon which He carried which really cleared the Temple Courts of its noisy, motley throng.” (Morris)*

* + - 1. His words (v.16)
         1. He images God’s own jealousy for worship
         2. He is the prophesied Messiah who would purge His temple (Zech. 14:21; Mal. 3:1, 3).
  1. The Disciples Respond to Jesus’ Words (v.17)
     1. They recognize that He is the Greater David (cf. Ps. 69:9)
     2. They recognize that His zeal will lead to His death.

Implications:

1. His Body Will Become the New Temple through His Death and Resurrection (vv.18-22)
   1. Jesus Confronts the Jewish Leadership (vv.18-21)
      1. The evil request for a sign (v.18)

*“Indeed, if the authorities had eyes to see, the cleansing of the temple was already a ‘sign’ they should have thought through and deciphered in terms of Old Testament Scripture” (Carson)*

* + 1. The puzzling sign Christ offers (v.19)
    2. The misunderstanding of the Jews (v.20)
    3. The explanation and significance – “The Temple which is His Body” (v.21)
  1. The Disciples Respond to Jesus’ Words (v.22)
     1. The resurrection triggers their remembrance
     2. Their remembrance triggers their faith