

## Unit 2: Jesus and the Temple

### Lesson 8

July 20, 2025

Subject: Cleansing the Temple

Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 7:1-15

Background Scripture: John 2:13-25 (Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48)

Lesson Scripture: John 2:13-25

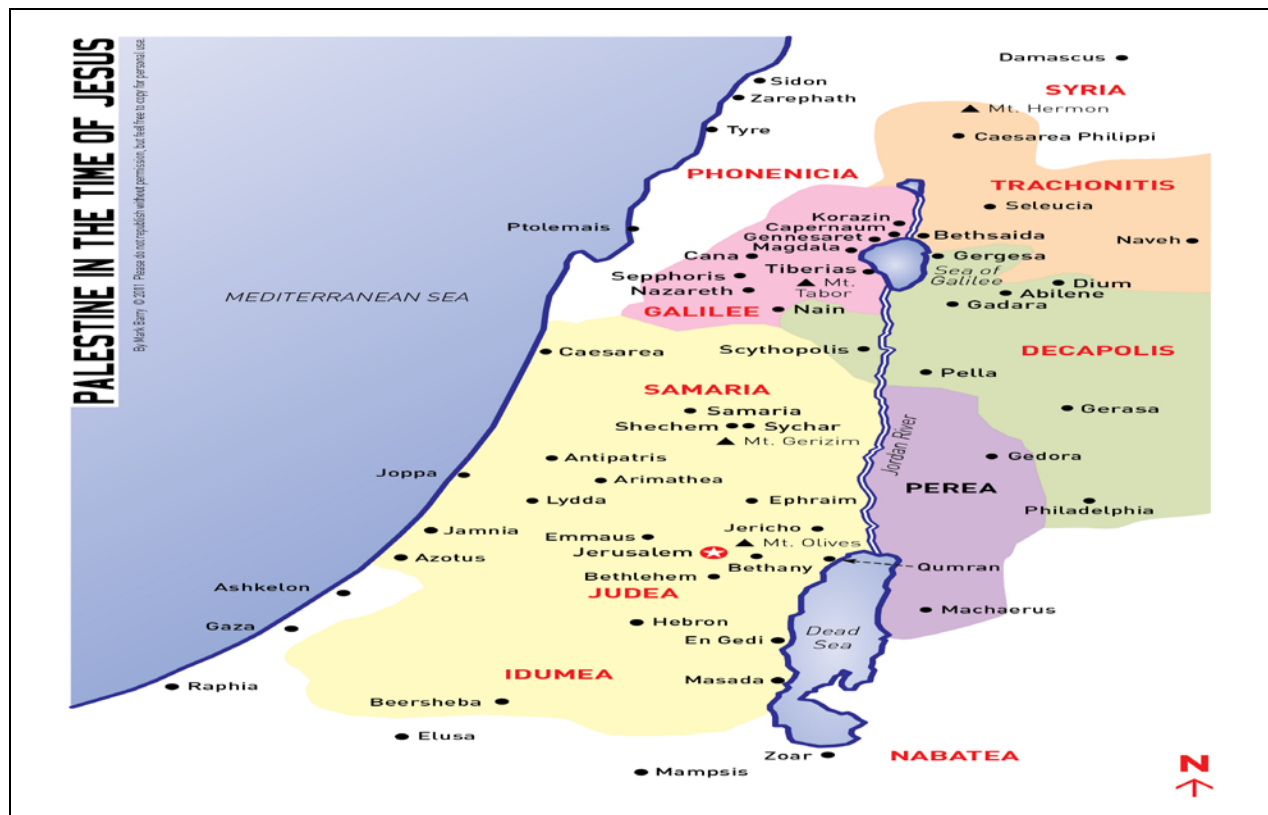
Memory Verse: To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" John 2:16

Lesson Aim: To understand the importance of showing respect and reverence to God's house (Temple).

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

### I. JESUS' RIGHTEOUS ANGER: JOHN 2:13-17

1. What Jewish Feast was Jesus preparing to attend? In what city was this Feast always held? John 2:13
2. Where was Jesus before He traveled to the Feast? John 2:12
3. Locate Capernaum and Jerusalem on the map below. (Jesus would have to travel approximately 80 miles from Capernaum to Jerusalem.)



4. Why do you think the Scripture says "Jesus went up to Jerusalem" when Capernaum was north of Jerusalem? (Jews always referred to going up to Jerusalem no matter from what direction they were coming from.) How does the chorus in the Hymn "We're Marching to Zion" capture this? 2 Chronicles 3:1; Psalm 24:3
5. What did the Passover Feast commemorate to the Jews? Exodus 12:3-28
6. What did Jesus find when He entered the Temple? John 2:14

7. What was Jesus' initial response to what He saw in the Temple? John 2:15-16a (This incident occurred at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It would occur a second time during the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry. Matthew 21:12-17)
8. What did Jesus say to explain His action? John 2:16b
9. How do you explain Jesus' anger? Was it uncontrolled anger or righteous indignation?
10. What does the Bible teach us about the purpose of the Lord's house?

Mark 11:17

Jeremiah 26:2

Micah 4:2

Psalms 27:4

Psalms 55:14

Psalms 84:1-2

11. What did the disciples remember after they saw and heard Jesus' response to how His Father's house was being desecrated and disrespected? John 2:17 (Psalms 69:9)
12. In what ways is God's house being disrespected today?
13. How can we show more zeal and respect for God's house?
14. What can we do today to cleanse God's house?

## II. THE JEWS' UNRIGHTEOUS ANGER (JOHN 2:18-22)

15. What was the response of Jesus' opponents to His action in the Temple? John 2:18
16. What was Jesus' answer to those who challenged His authority? John 2:19
17. Why do you think Jesus answered his Jewish opponents in an indirect manner? Matthew 13:11-15, 34-35
18. How did Jesus' opponents take His comment about the Temple? John 2:20
19. Did Jesus accomplish the true meaning of His statement to His opponents? John 2:20b (Mark 9:31-32; Matthew 17:22-23; Luke 24:1-8)
20. What was the answer to Jesus' riddle to the Jews about the Temple? John 2:21
21. Neither the Jewish leaders or the Jesus' disciples understood His statement about the temple. When did Jesus' disciples fully understand what He meant, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."? John 2:22a (Mark 9:30-32; Luke 18:31-32)
22. How would Jesus' statement about the Temple later strengthen the disciples? John 2:22b