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The Gospel of **John**

**Jesus has the right to
clean house.**



¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

John 2:13-15 ESV



¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

John 2:16-17 ESV



¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”

John 2:18–20 ESV



²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore 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.

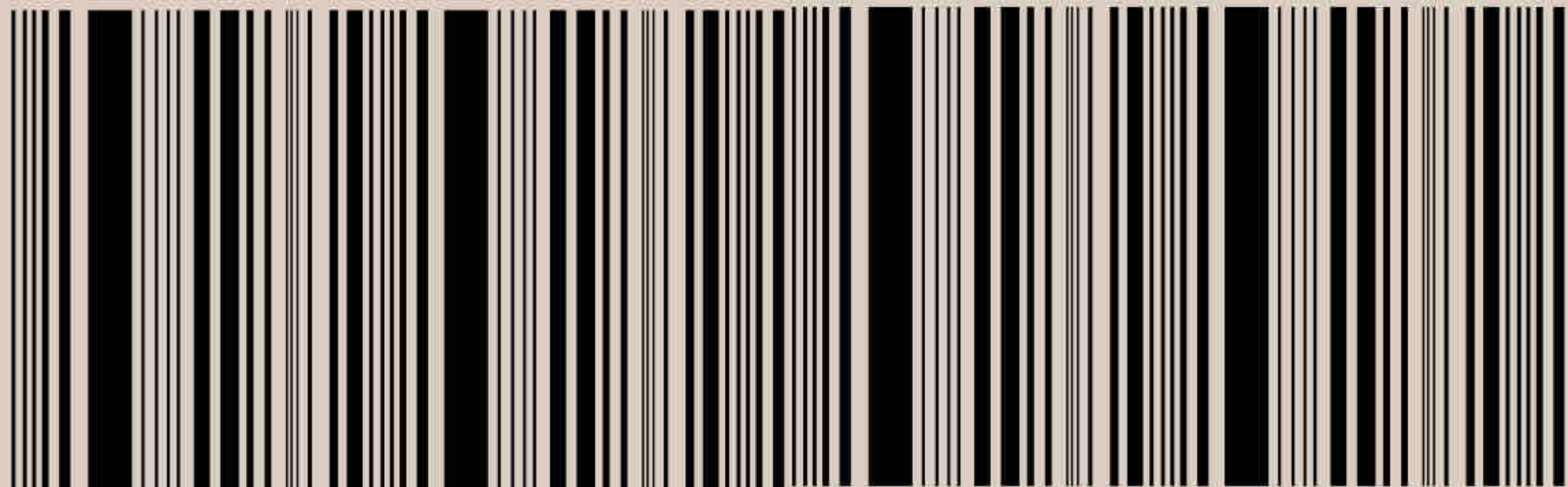
John 2:21–22 ESV



²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

John 2:23-25 ESV





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The Lord of Whips

I. The Fury of Jesus

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a. Jesus' Righteous Rage



²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am **gentle and lowly** in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:29 ESV



¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the **wrath of the Lamb,** ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

Revelation 6:15–17 ESV



⁹ For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

Psalm 69:9 ESV



I. **The Fury of Jesus**

a. Jesus' Righteous Rage

b. Our Call to Holiness

¹ Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But **who can endure the day** of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a **refiner's fire** and like **fullers' soap**.

Malachi 3:1-2 ESV







¹⁹ Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit** within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 ESV



"A faith which works not for purification will work for putrefaction. Unless our faith makes us pine after holiness, it is no better than the faith of devils, and perhaps it is not even so good as that."

Charles Spurgeon

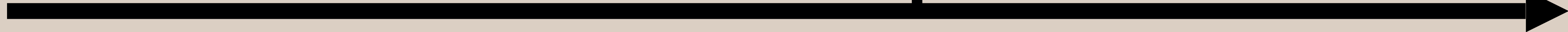


³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

Psalm 119:136 ESV



Indifference -> Tolerance -> Acceptance -> Assimilation





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I. The Fury of Jesus

II. The Sovereignty of Jesus

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a. Jesus' Supreme Authority

¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. **I have authority** to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.

John 10:18 ESV



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II. The Sovereignty of Jesus

a. Jesus' Supreme Authority

b. Our Call to Submission

²³ And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself** and take up his cross daily and **follow me.**”

Luke 9:23 ESV



The Lord of Whips

I. The Fury of Jesus

II. The Sovereignty of Jesus

III. The Awareness of Jesus



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a. Seer of Souls

8 “This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me...

Matthew 15:8 ESV



⁶⁴ But there are some of you who **do not believe.**” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him...⁶⁶ After this **many of his disciples turned back** and no longer walked with him.

John 6:64,66 ESV



Here we are face to face with something arresting. His signs produced a belief, but it was not a belief to which He could commit Himself. They committed themselves to Him in a certain way; but He could not commit Himself to them. Their belief was shallow. It was based on wonder. The things that were necessarily arresting, startling, spectacular, were all they wanted.

G. Campbell Morgan



Belief that is based upon the spectacular is always shallow and evanescent. If belief is nothing more than admiration for the spectacular, it will create in multitudes applause; but the Son of God cannot commit Himself to that kind of faith.

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⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?
¹⁰ “I the Lord search the heart
and test the mind,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his deeds.”

Jeremiah 17:9–10 ESV



² Every way of a man is right in his own eyes,
but **the Lord weighs the heart.**

Proverbs 21:2 ESV



¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:11-12 ESV



III. The Awareness of Jesus

a. Seer of Souls

b. Our Call to Belief

To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God.

Timothy Keller



⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

Romans 5:8 ESV



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A Prayer of Consecration

Psalm 139:23–24

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!