

What are the apparent discrepancies between the Temple cleansing account in John and that which is reported in Matthew, Mark, and Luke? How can we reconcile these?

What was the Temple like in Jesus' day? What theological significance did it serve?

What made Jesus so upset about what was happening at the Temple?

Do similar things happen in our day, where legitimate concerns have crowded out true piety and worship of God? Or have prevented outsiders a chance to come to know God?

Do our religious institutions reflect God's desires or do they serve human interests?

What do you make of Jesus' response? How does it square with the common picture of Jesus in our culture?

Are we outraged by the things that outrage God? What outrages us? What kind of zeal do we find in ourselves?

What if Jesus were to visit our church?