

## Crack That Whip

### I. Slide1 Announce:

- A. Slide2-6 Christian Audio. Grief Share. Xmas Giving Opp. Widows Might. Ladies Xmas.
- B. Slide7,8 Next Sun, Sun Night Prayer Night: 6:30-7:30pm. Specifically we will be praying for the Jesus Film just being finalized in *the Rohingya language*.
1. More than 500 million have indicated a decision to follow Jesus after watching their films. The Jesus Film has been recognized by *The Guinness Book of World Records* as the *Most Translated Film* in history.
  2. CM History w/Jesus Film: it came out in 1979. We showed in Philippines from mid 1980's thru mid-90's. We sent the film to *every country's leader* in the mid-90's. Even hearing back from *Saddam Hussein's office*, thanking us for it.
    - a) Now in 2018, they are just finalizing it in the Rohingya language. [we cannot expect God to move on this people group *without the backing of prayer*. come pray w/us]
- C. Daily Breads in info booth.
- D. Andrew Paulsen's father Dale died tragically this last week. Just announced his retirement as a pastor up in Morro Bay. That evening, last Sun, was struck by a drunk driver while out walking near his home. 1 Cor.12:26 *If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.* (we hurt w/the family & we honor his legacy).
1. Andrew asked me to thank all of the youth & the church for all the support this last week. Those that *drove all the way up* there yesterday. And for the Beautiful flowers you sent them CM.

### II. Slide9 Intro: Crack That Whip (new wave band, Devo 1980 song, Crack that Whip)...give the past a slip.

- A. Read 2:11 & 22...story/believe, story/believe. *These things are written so you will believe.*
- B. John records this *temple cleansing* immediately after *the miracle at Cana*.
1. This offers an important key to the **whole** of Jesus' ministry. Jesus is the replacement of the old order, *ceremonial cleansing* (stone waterpots), with the *new wine* of salvation, the risen Lamb as the new temple (Rev.21:22).

- C. **Slide10** At Passover time the Jews would for 1 month carefully repair roads, rebuild bridges, & white wash tombs. Another part was to have no leaven in the house (*chametz*), so they'd *sweep their house clean*. [where we got our term *Spring Cleaning*]
1. They'd even make sure they were *ceremonially clean*.
    - a) They just forgot to clean 1 thing... **THE TEMPLE!!!**
    - b) That's like having guests over & cleaning every room...except *the living room*.

### III. **Slide11 THE FATHER'S HOUSE (13-17)**

- A. **Slide12 GOING UP TO FATHER'S HOUSE (13)**
- B. All 4 gospels tell this Temple Cleansing Story.
- C. There was 2 temple cleanings in Jesus ministry:
1. The other 3 accounts tell of the one **at the end** of His ministry.
  2. This one **at the beginning** of Jesus ministry. **1st public act**.
    - a) *Judgment begins in the house of God*.
- D. **Slide13a A MERCHANDISING HOUSE (14)**
- E. **Animal Exchanging** - Everyone needed an animal for sacrifice to come & worship God. **Some have traveled from different countries. Imagine walking your goat for 100-200 miles?**
1. **It needed to be w/o spot or blemish** (give your best to God, not defective).
  2. To save them an 80 mile trip home for another animal, if it was flawed, they could purchase an unblemished, unspotted animal.
  3. But often times they were ripping off the people.
- F. **Money Exchanging** - Only a Temple ½ Shekel was accepted at the Temple (tax).
1. Roman & Greek coin was not accepted.
  2. Money was exchanged right there at the temple.
  3. **Exchange wasn't the problem** (it was required...roman coins had an "image" of the emperor/idols). **The RATE was the problem**. [sometimes **up to 50%** above the face value of the coin being exchanged].

a) This is how I feel at the airport at the *foreign currency exchange* counter.

You exchange \$ for a fee. **And** if you have any left over, *they get you again!*

4. They were using God, religion, & worship as a means for personal gain.

a) **Slide13b** Remember *God, worship & religion*, are not a means to an end [**no** marketing Jesus. **No** using God for your advantage]. **God is the end...** enjoy Him today.

#### G. **Slide14a** A CLEAN HOUSE (15)

H. The whip begins to fly. (**can you picture Jesus rolling up His sleeves?**)

1. **Guys like this passage** (manicured Jesus **vs.** Masculine Jesus) or *Lamb-o*.

2. Is.52:10 *The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.*

I. He was angry (anger under control of course). **Calculated anger, not fly off the handle.**

1. **We would do well to metaphorically make a whip** before we respond.

2. Eph.4:26 *Be angry, and do not sin.* (msg) *Go ahead & be angry. You do well to be angry - but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life.*

J. Those who only see Jesus as meek & mild, only see part.

1. **Slide14b** *The Jesus they preach is an idol drained of His deity, a good-natured god, whose great aim is to let us off the hook.* R.Kent Hughes

K. **When Jesus cracked the whip...** He was as fully **Godlike**, **as when** He stood on the Mnt of Transfiguration, **or when** He was hanging on the cross at Calvary.

#### L. **Slide15** THE FATHER'S HOUSE (16,17)

M. Here, Jesus acknowledged this as *His Fathers house*. Toward the end of His ministry he addresses it as *your house*. [Mt.23:38 *See! Your house is left to you desolate*]

N. Here it was *a house of merchandise*, later it will be *den of thieves*.

1. **Outward reform w/o inward renewal** is a *temporary thing*.

O. This was **not** the protest against **commercialization**, **but symbolically** it was stopping the *regular sacrificial system*. Saying, *this whole system is under judgment*.

1. **Not because** it was *a bad thing to be abolished* but a true signpost pointing to the fact that *Reality has come*.
  2. **Like with your dog, when you point at an object, often the dog looks at your finger not the object.** The Jews in Jesus's day were so focused on **the temple**, they missed **Jesus** as *the reality* to which **the temple pointed**. N.T.Wright
- P. The quote from Isaiah 56:7 *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations*.
1. **Court of Gentiles**, actually nations = *ethne* (Gk). A place for *the nations* to come & pray.
  2. **Slide 16-18 Explain 3 main Temples: Solomon** (destroyed by Neb 586bc). **Zerubbabel** (completed 516bc, desecrated 169bc *Antiochus Epiphanes*). Herod (huge, retaining wall). **[show where Jesus was doing this. Court of Gentiles]**
- Q. **Why was Jesus so mad?**
1. It was directed at **the irreverence of the Jews toward the Father**.
  2. It was directed at not just *their covetousness* but that their covetousness was cloaked in...**religiosity**.
- R. **Wait, Didn't anyone else see this? It seems that only Jesus did.** I think all the temple-goers were used to it. **It became part of their culture.**
1. **I wonder what sin has permeated my life today? the church today? Our church?** That we haven't noticed because it's become part of our culture.
- S. **What bugs you enough to eat you up? What gets under your skin?**  
**What should you get angry at? What shouldn't you get angry at?**
1. Look what consumes **Jesus...not mad at Caesar's politics. Not mad at some camel cutting him off** in Jerusalem traffic. **A love for His Father's house is what consumed Jesus.**
  2. **What are you zealous for? Everybody is consumed by something?**
    - a) **Some are consumed w/alcohol.** They think they're consuming it **but** it's consuming them.
    - b) **Others are consumed w/sex.** It occupies their mind non-stop, it becomes slavery.
    - c) **Some are consumed w/ambition, or excelling in business, or loneliness, or hurting, or relationships** (wanting to be married/wishing they were single again).

T. Like **Jesus**, may zeal for *Gods house* consume you. **And** zeal for *God's Word*. **And** zeal for *God's heart* for *the poor, needy, the disadvantaged, the hurting*.

#### IV. SlideX **THE SON'S HOUSE (18-22)**

- A. (18) **What sign** - Their concern wasn't the *moral issue* of it, **but rather** on what grounds Jesus took it upon Himself to rebuke them.
- B. (19) Ok, we know you're *a carpenter...but 3 days?*
- C. **He prophesies** His *resurrection*. **He prophesies** the *exact timing* (3 days). **He prophesies** *He will do the miracle* while dead. [He even expounds on this in Jn.10:17,18]
1. I ask JW's *how can a man raise Himself?* Their little brown book of answers says *the Father raised Jesus* (true, in Rom10:9) [which back up His *deity*]. **And** it says *the HS raised Jesus* (true, in Rom.8:11) [which proves the *trinity*].
- D. Here you want a sign, I'll give you one, in the Resurrection.
1. It gives me every right to clean this house...this is *My Fathers house*.
  2. *The greater than the Temple is here* (Mt.12:6). [Temple (cuz He controlled what could be done in it). Sabbath (cuz He controlled what could be done on it). Jonah (cuz He brought about a *greater repentance* than Jonah did w/ Nineveh). Solomon (cuz He was *wiser* than Solomon)]
  3. Jesus the perfect prototype of a human Temple.
- E. (20) **46 years** – Herod started the project in 20bc. **Been working on** for 46 yrs (26ad). It was going to take another 37 years to complete (63 ad, by Herod Agrippa). **Then** was destroyed 7 yrs later, in 70ad. [**18,000 people worked on the temple** (Josephus)]
1. **So 26ad, & not 30ad?** - The *Anno Domini* (in the yr of the Lord) dating system was devised in 525 by *Dionysius Exiguus* [*Dia-KNEE-sius Eg-ZIG-u-is*]. **But** Dionysius *made a mistake* in his calculations. **In Matthew, Jesus was born while Herod was still King (2:1)**. That would translate into 4 bc (before Christ). AD doesn't mean (after death). **This didn't get popular till 8th century**.
  2. *Anno Mundi* (year of the world...*from creation*). Jews call this year 2018, **5779**.

3. Today it is referred to as **CE** (common era) & **BCE** (before common era) as a sensitivity to the non-christian world.

F. **Everyone's body is a temple unto something...There is no temple today!**

1. We (bel.'s) are **the Temple of God**. There is **a Divine Occupant** inside.

2. As one of God's temples, **be a place of worship today**. **1st ask Him to tip any tables He needs to inside you, today**. **Or, you tip them, before He has to!**

a) Upon coming to Christ, His sole purpose is to **tear down** whatever shrine & temple you've erected & **build** His temple in you to this end...**that** you'd be God's Holy dwelling place.

b) Be **angry** at the right things **and** take appropriate action against it.

(1) Let's flip some tables, 1st in **our lives**, **then** in **our church**.

G. **Lord, thanks for Your correcting whip**. Psalm 119:67,71...

1. **Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word**.

2. **It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes**.

3. Lord, **drive out** what needs to be driven out of my life. **Pour out** what needs to be poured out of my life. **Overtorn** what needs to be overturn in my life. **Take away** what needs to be take away from my life.

## V. Slide11 **OUR HOUSE (23-25)**

A. The attribute of knowing a persons innermost *heart, state & character* is **an attribute of God**.

1. Jer.17:10 **I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings**.

B. **Wordplay** (believe/commit, same word pisteuō) - *they believed on Him, but He didn't believe in them*.

C. **He did not commit Himself to them** – which means **the opposite is true**, *to some He has committed Himself to them*. **Has He to you?**

1. He obviously **doesn't** to everybody...These are *professing* believers.



2. We talk about knowing Him...**BUT**, does He know you?

a) Mt.7:21-23 *Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven...I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.*

(1) He doesn't say, *you never knew me* (cuz they thought they did).  
He says, *I never knew you!*

(2) He can't be fooled by *insincere faith* or *insufficient faith*.

3. His omniscience was **universal** (*He knew all men*).

His omniscience was **individual** (*He knew what was in man*).

D. The Lord is still into *Temple Cleansin & Heart Discernin*.

1. Jesus is never into *Self-improvement*, but *Christ-Replacement*.

2. Jesus **entered** the Temple. *Light in, darkness out.*

a) **Same** when you let Him **enter** you. *Light in, darkness out.*