

Title: Jesus Meek And Mild Not! – John 2 13-25

Read:

¹³⁻¹⁴When the Passover Feast, celebrated each spring by the Jews, was about to take place, Jesus traveled up to Jerusalem. He found the Temple teeming with people selling cattle and sheep and doves. The loan sharks were also there in full strength. ¹⁵⁻¹⁷Jesus put together a whip out of strips of leather and chased them out of the Temple, stampeding the sheep and cattle, upending the tables of the loan sharks, spilling coins left and right. He told the dove merchants, "Get your things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a shopping mall!" That's when his disciples remembered the Scripture, "Zeal for your house consumes me."¹⁸⁻¹⁹But the Jews were upset. They asked, "What credentials can you present to justify this?" Jesus answered, "Tear down this Temple and in three days I'll put it back together."²⁰⁻²²They were indignant: "It took forty-six years to build this Temple, and you're going to rebuild it in three days?" But Jesus was talking about his body as the Temple. Later, after he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this. They then put two and two together and believed both what was written in Scripture and what Jesus had said.²³⁻²⁵During the time he was in Jerusalem, those days of the Passover Feast, many people noticed the signs he was displaying and, seeing they pointed straight to God, entrusted their lives to him. But Jesus didn't entrust his life to them. He knew them inside and out, knew how untrustworthy they were. He didn't need any help in seeing right through them.

Think:

Our God is meek and mild. That's the picture we have sometimes of Jesus. A meek and mild baby in a manger. So it goes without saying that anyone who follows a meek and mild baby born in a manger as their God, must be a bit wimpy. I am sure that's what some of your mates at college or school might think, but is it true? Seems to me that Jesus is pretty fair. He is willing to teach and explain to people who want to hear the truth. But you had better not take advantage of people in Gods name, as that's the time when the meek and mild Jesus stops. Jesus has the authority to speak on Gods behalf and when he sees people making money out of others in the temple, that's when the tables start flying. The people who use Gods name to rip others off today, will suffer the same fate. You see, the truth is Jesus does love us, and yes Jesus does want us to spend eternity partying with him. But also the truth is, that we will one day stand in front of him and explain how we spent our life. If we have spent our lives taking advantage of people, then the news may not be good. Our Jesus meek and mild, not really, honest and fair, yes.

Pray:

Father please forgive me, if I have at anytime taken advantage of people. Lord thank you for your fairness. Amen.

Action:

How can you show the love of Jesus to someone today? Look for chances to do just that. Bye.