

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Jesus Clears the Temple



**Read:** John 2:13-22

The Temple was a very important building and getting to spend time in worship there was really special. There were lots of rules that you had to obey – you couldn't use normal roman coins – you had to have special currency. People set up a place where you could exchange money, but they turned it into a very profitable business – they were making lots of money and taking advantage of people. There were also people selling animals for sacrifices, again charging far more than what the animals were worth. They had turned the Temple in a marketplace and Jesus was not happy about it. This is one of the few times we hear about Jesus being angry. He chased all the stallholders out of the Temple, he turned over tables and he shouted a lot! The people in charge were not happy and wanted to know why Jesus had done this, but also what miracle Jesus would do to show why he had destroyed the Temple. When Jesus answered he confused everyone – he said if the Temple was destroyed, he could rebuild it in three days! The authorities were amazed – it took forty-six years to build the Temple – how could Jesus rebuild it in three days? They didn't understand that Jesus was talking about himself, and the fact that he would rise again on the third day.

**Watch:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLOVY5FD6wA> (Saddleback Kids)

Are you surprised by how Jesus acted? What made him so angry? How would you have reacted if you were there? Why were the authorities so angry? What did Jesus mean when he talked about rebuilding the Temple in three days?

**Do:**

Craft – do some coin rubbings – can you find any special coins or foreign currency?

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**Pray:**

God, sometimes we can feel angry, sad, disappointed, and frustrated – just as Jesus did in the Temple. Help us to talk to people who can help us feel better, and to let you know exactly what we are feeling, knowing you will understand. Amen

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,  
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

**Share:** Tell someone about a time you were angry and what you did to help you feel better.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Love



**Read:** John 3:14-21

This is a very complicated passage that talks about different reasons God sent Jesus to do his ministry on earth but today I want to focus on just one- Love!

**'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.'** (John 3:16)

God knew the world needed a Saviour, and he knew it needed to be his Son. God had a plan and Jesus was it. He loved the world so much he was willing to let his son suffer for our sins. He loves us so much that Jesus died on the cross, taking away our sins meaning we can have a very special relationship with God that will last forever. This is true love!

**Watch:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JJ3EuuTkWw> (Saddleback Kids)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tavEW5G1t4> (Silly Scriptures)

Who wrote the letter about love? Who was he writing it to? In the second video who did Jesus show love to? How did they show love to others? How can we show love to others?

**Do:**

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**Share:** Do something nice for someone you love – draw a picture, write them a note, or make them something to eat. Tell them you love them!

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March – The Power of His Love



**Read:** John 12:20-33

Jesus was worried that people didn't understand why he had come to earth, or what was going to happen to him. They thought he was trying to build his kingdom on earth, but really his kingdom is in heaven. Jesus died on the cross so our sins could be forgiven and that we could have that special relationship with him. Jesus knew that it was nearly time for his crucifixion, and he wanted to make sure they understood. He spoke and explained that he was worried about what was going to happen – should he pray to God and ask him to stop his plan? But Jesus knew he had to carry out God's plan. It was the whole reason he came to earth. He went on to explain that he was going to die, and when he did, he would draw all people to him – just like a magnet draws metal objects to it. When Jesus died on the cross, he did it out of love for us – and that love draws us to him. His love is so powerful and will always draw us back, no matter how far we may travel from it.

**Watch:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9chBPCkZluQ>

How was the person able to do all these things? What does the magnet do to metal? How does Jesus draw us to him?

**Do:**

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**Pray:**

God thank you for sending Jesus to die for our sins. Amen

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**Share:** Have some fun with magnets! Make sure to get a grown up to help and see if you can find things that are magnetic around your house. Think of Jesus drawing you to him as the magnets draw the metal.