

THE JESUS SCANDALS

Part 10: *The Irreligious Riot*

Introduction – The Clash Of Covenants

Malachi 3:1-2

Showdown At Temple Mount – 4 Views

- VIEW 1 - John 2:13-25 (& 4:21-24)

TAKE OUT: Jesus is confronting the _____ itself,
not just the _____ of the system.

- VIEW 2 - Luke 19:41-48

TAKE OUT: We must choose between Jesus and _____.

- VIEW 3 - Mark 11:15-19; 27-33

Isaiah 56:6-8
Jeremiah 7:1-10

“Robber’s Den” = _____/_____

TAKE OUT: Religion can easily become an _____
of our spiritual dysfunction.

- VIEW 4 - Matthew 21:21-17

Leviticus 21:17-23; 2 Samuel 5:6-8; Isaiah 35:3-6

TAKE OUT: Jesus breaks barriers to _____ community.

Conclusion – The Final Passover

Matthew 26:26-28

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week’s message, share one thing that most challenged, perturbed, perplexed, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read an Old Testament Messianic prophecy in Isaiah 35:3-6. a) What important information does this tell us about Jesus in light of Matthew 21:14? b) How does this help answer the question posed by the religious leaders to Jesus in Matthew 21:23? c) Read Jesus’ reply to their question of authority in verses 24-27. What lessons can we draw from his response regarding our own time investment trying to answer skeptics’ questions about Jesus? (Also see Matthew 7:6.) How do you think we can tell the difference between a genuine question someone might have about Jesus that deserves an intelligent answer and an ignorant attack disguised as a question?

SO WHAT?...

3. Think for a moment - In what ways are you tempted to live like it is your participation in a religious system that saves you, rather than Jesus? Pray for each other that the Refiner’s Fire (Malachi 3:2) clears away everything but Christ.
For further reading on the temple sacrificial system, see Hebrews 9:1-10:25.

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