

John: A New Reality

John 2:1-22

Jesus turns lifeless ritual into unlimited reality.

Problems Jesus saw when he came into the temple

Considerations for the week

The wine

The jars that held the wine were ones used in ritual cleansing. How might this be a metaphor about the cleansing and renewal Jesus brings?

The site for Jesus' first sign was a wedding feast. What does this suggest about the heart and nature of His kingdom?

Mary says, "Do whatever he tells you." What keeps us from simple, trusting obedience?

The whip

Righteous anger brought Jesus to drive out the merchants. Consider how we may discern the difference between righteous anger and mere self-centered irritation.

Zeal for the Father's house/presence consumed Jesus. What things (even good things) consume us to the detriment of His presence?

Identify areas where Jesus may be overturning tables in your life — not to harm you, but to restore you to true worship.

Both stories reveal Jesus as Lord . . . of the feast and of the temple. He is both the joy giver and the holy purifier. How does this challenge our understanding of who Jesus is?

At the wedding, Jesus brings abundance; in the temple, He brings disruption. Where do we need His abundance? Where do we need His disruption?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and

I will raise it again in three days." — John 2:19, NIV

Scripture read today
during worship:

Psalms 103:11-13

Hebrews 10: 19-22

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude, *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Call to worship, *Read in English*

Hymn, *Holy Is the Lord*

Hymn 262, *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Confession and assurance
Read in Indonesian

Hymn, *Who You Say I Am*

Hymn 345, *Blessed Assurance*

Offertory

Reading and prayer, *Read in Yoruba*

Hymn, *Holy Spirit*

Message

Hymn of response 203, *And Can It Be?*

Benediction, *Read in Korean*

Postlude, *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Weekly events

Today after the service, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Wednesday night supper is temporarily on hold due to kitchen renovations.

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets this week, May 30.

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Church Conference

There will be a regular church conference held in person here today at 12:45 pm.

Celebrating our graduates

May 31 following worship service

VBS Our Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26.



Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.