

**Deane Church + Lostock Church
w/b Sunday 30th September 2018**

Read: John 2:13-25

Now let's get a bit of Old Testament background...

The Temple. This was central to Israel's faith. It was the place of God's dwelling and sacrifice for sin. However, it had become corrupt. The Old Testament looked forward to the time when the Messiah would cleanse the Temple. READ: Malachi 3 v.1-5

Psalm 69. This Psalm is important in John's Gospel. It sees King David as a figure who is opposed and rejected by his enemies because of his zeal for God's house. READ: Psalm 69 v.4, 9 and 21

Resurrection. The Old Testament expected the Messiah to live forever. READ: Psalm 16 v.9-10

1. Where do you see these themes in John 2:13-25 ?
2. How do you respond to the way Jesus cleansed the Temple?
3. What did Jesus mean in verse 19?
4. Jesus was not always comfortable to be with, why?
5. What do you think verses 24-25 mean?
6. What does the cleansing of the Temple say to believers today?
7. One writer has said, '*(Jesus) does not fit comfortably with the Jews' expectations and will not fit comfortably with ours . . .*' What do you think he means?
8. How do you feel about John 2 v.24 regarding your own Christian life?