

**“JESUS CHRIST: THE SCOURGE OF RELIGION”
(John 2:13-25)**

I. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

II. THE INTRODUCTION: WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)

III. THE SIGNS SECTION: PROVING THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST (2:1-12:50)

A. Jesus Christ’s First Sign-Miracle in Cana of Galilee (2:1-12)

B. Jesus Christ’s First Passover Prediction at the Temple in Jerusalem (2:13-25)

1. At the temple in Jerusalem, the religious leaders had _____ the sacrificial system that was prescribed by the Lord in the Law. (2:13-14)

2. By purging the temple, Jesus Christ demonstrated His _____ as the _____ . (2:15-17)

** What Old Testament prophecy predicted this?*

** How many times did the Lord Jesus cleanse the temple?*

** What are some of chief the characteristics of religion that we can observe from this passage?*

** What is the difference between religion and genuine biblical Christianity?*

3. The Lord Jesus predicted both His _____ and _____
as the preeminent qualifying sign of Him being the Messiah. (2:18-22)

** How many signs of the Lord Jesus are depicted in John's Gospel?*

** How does this prediction here by Christ fit with the consummate perspective and direction of John's Gospel?*

** Who raised up Christ at His resurrection and why is this significant?*

4. While many _____ (*episteusan*) in Christ when they beheld His signs, Christ did not _____ (*episteuen*) them. (2:23-25)

** Does this passage teach that God requires a special "kind" of faith in order to give eternal life?*

** What does all of this teach us about the Lord Jesus?*

** How does all of this apply to you today?*