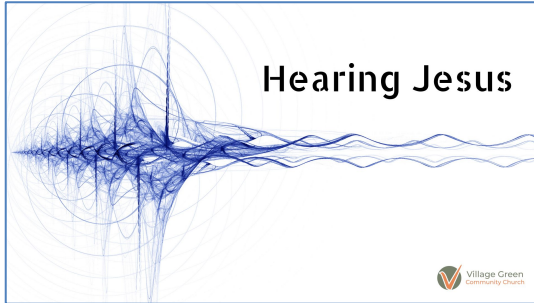


## Life Group Study Notes



April 7, 2024

### THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

What Did He Say?  
John 2:13-22

The Temple is a source of pride for the Jewish people, a building that reflected their relationship with God which took years to construct. But what is more important, the building or the God it was built to serve?

### Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What was one major takeaway from the Easter season you would like to share.
2. Why is listening well such a problem, and how does a lack of listening contribute to the problems in our world?

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

3. What “literary device” is used in the Gospel of John, and what was Jesus testing whenever he used it to communicate to others?

He tested who was \_\_\_\_\_, and what they \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Why is the context of Passover significant? Also, is there some legitimacy to the need for merchants and money changers during this time?
5. What appears to be the real problem that was making Jesus angry about the Temple and its sacrificial system?

It had become a means of \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Verse 19 is where Jesus presents a statement that is misunderstood. What does this teach us about Jesus' self-awareness of his mission and even on the fate of the Temple?
7. What was presented as the 3 key takeaways. Take time to discuss each within the group.
  - a. Jesus is saying that they're \_\_\_\_\_ the Temple by their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Jesus is the new \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Jesus forces us to look beyond the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and to look to him for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss?

### My Personal Journey

1. Has this study encouraged you to pray differently this week – to lean into listening more than asking?

### Coming Next Week

Religious Roadblocks

John 3:1-21

Sometimes, religion, which is meant to bring us closer to God, can unintentionally become a barrier to really knowing him?

#### ***Hearing Jesus, A 5-Part Series***

Not everything Jesus said was easily understood. In fact, it turns out that Jesus used this as a means of finding out who was spiritually open to his teachings and identity. It is no different today. We can easily miss the essential truths about Jesus if our hearts have hardened the capacity for our ears to hear.

It is also the start of the next session of **Life Groups**. If you are interested in joining a group contact the church at [office@villagegreenchurch.com](mailto:office@villagegreenchurch.com).

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