

**Turning over the tables**  
**For the week of January 13 – 19**

**Prayer: That we see the miraculous signs of Jesus**

**Day 1: John 2:13 – 25**

Four questions to ponder:

How does John's gospel reveal Jesus to us in a different way than the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark, Luke)?

What do you believe Jesus would 'clean up' in our church?

What about the church in the US? In the world?

**Day 2: John 2:20 – 25; John 1:10 – 13**

Four questions to ponder:

Where do the themes of 'belief' overlap?

What does verse 25 mean? What is "in a (hu)man?"

How important to belief is 'hindsight'? In other words, how crucial is reflection to faith and deepening faith?

**Day 3: Mark 11:12 – 19**

Two questions to ponder:

How is this temple cleansing different than the one we read in John? (this may mean holding the accounts side-by-side)

What different themes do the authors seem to point to as they tell the account of this historical event?

**Day 4: Ezekiel 40 – 46 (quickly skim all; read 43:1 – 12)**

Two questions to ponder:

Attempt to summarize these chapters into three sentences. Where do we sense Ezekiel pointing back to the original temple?

Where are there hints Ezekiel is prophesying about a future 'spiritual' temple?

**Day 5: Psalm 69**

Two questions to ponder:

Why would John use this psalm as part of the telling of this story?

What connections lie between this psalm and John 2?

**Further Reflection:** Does this text cause discomfort? If not, how might a more poignant personal reading cause some?