

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

John 2:13-14

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#### JESUS MADE A MESS

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How do we fit into this story?

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Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"

1 Corinthians 6:18-19

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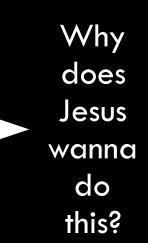
you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house [temple] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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We deeply matter to Him



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To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"



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When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:48-49

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God is not against you (The temple with a face)



#### When people try to change us...

- 1. Often shouldn't be
- 2. Don't like us very much
- 3. Withholding relationship until we change
- 4. Are trying to get us to buy into something they're selling
- 5. Don't really know what they're talking about

#### When God tries to change us...

- 1. Should be
- 2. Does like us very much
- 3. Has completely given himself in relationship to us
- 4. Has bought into us
- 5. Knows exactly what He's talking about

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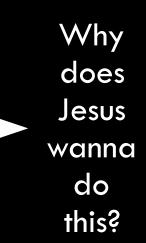
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For you are a people holy to the Lord your God...his treasured posession.

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Like a child to a parent

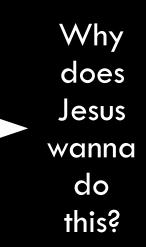


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the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.

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Like a child to a parent
Like a bride to her husband



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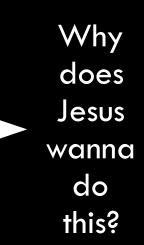
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Why else?

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The mess is meant to make an impact



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"Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'

Mark 11:17



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become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

Philippians 2:15



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"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



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3 Stories

Why does Jesus wanna do this?

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gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

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How do I become a temple?

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