

LIFELINES—March 10, 2019

Sermon Title: "When Jesus Took Up His Whip"

Sermon Text: John 2:13-25

Sermon Outline:

- I. The Cleansing by Jesus (12-17)
- II. The Consuming of Jesus (17-22)
- III. The Caution of Jesus (23-25)

Questions:

1. Some people obtain their views of Jesus from their own subjective answers to the question "What would Jesus do?", rather than from the Gospels' reporting of what Jesus actually did do. Why is this mistaken?
2. Read Zechariah 14:21 and John 2:12-17. Why did Jesus cleanse the temple? How did Jesus cleanse the temple? How does Jesus' behavior strike you?
3. Is it ever right for Christians to become upset over sin and to allow their zeal to drive them to take a strong, public stand? Discuss.
4. Read John 2:17-22. How did Jesus' zeal for God's temple consume him? What reaction should we expect to receive if we imitate Jesus' zeal?