

Says Who?

Problem: Judges 17:1-6; 19:1-30 (Gen 19:4-9); 21:25 - right in his own eyes

We live in a culture that believes it has the authority to define right and wrong.

we redefine a child in the womb to make us happy

we redefine marriage to make us happy

we redefine gender, race, and sexual perversion to make us happy

this literally is satanism

Do what you want is the whole of the law. But it's no surprise in society. It's expected. It is most insidious when it comes to the church and how we approach God.

I have heard many ignorant professing Christians speak for God and redefine what He has clearly said to fit what they want to say. They speak lies about God and how one approaches Him - encouraging an entire generation to NOT REPENT but to have pride in their sinful lifestyle choices as they come to God. they go proudly to God unrepentant- celebrating not what Christ died for but celebrating the sins that nailed Him to the cross,

Attorney David French made this remark:

For many believers, this new era will present a unique challenge. Christians often strive to be seen as the “nicest” or “most loving” people in their communities.

Especially among Evangelicals, there is a naïve belief that if only we were winsome enough, kind enough, and compassionate enough, the culture would welcome us with open arms. But now our love — expressed in the fullness of a Gospel that identifies homosexual conduct as sin but then provides eternal hope through justification and sanctification — is hate.

Christians who’ve not suffered for their faith often romanticize persecution. They imagine themselves willing to lose their jobs, their liberty, or even their lives for standing up for the Gospel. Yet when the moment comes, at least here in the United States, they often find that they simply can’t abide being called “hateful.” It creates a desperate, panicked response. “No, you don’t understand. I’m not like those people — the religious right.”

Thus, at the end of the day, a church that descends from apostles who withstood beatings finds itself unable to withstand tweetings. Social scorn is worse than the lash. This is the era of sexual liberty — the marriage of hedonism to meaning — and the establishment of a new civic religion. The black-robed priesthood has spoken. Will the church bow before their new masters? — David French is an attorney and a staff writer at National Review. (Read more at: <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/420376/marriage-christians-religion-love>)

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Text:

Take these things away!

John 2:12 ¶ After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days. **(Jesus not tied to home family or friends)**

John 2:13 ¶ The **Passover of the Jews** was at hand, and Jesus went up to **Jerusalem**.

John 2:14 In the **temple (iero - temple area)** he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

John 2:15 And making a whip of cords (*implies forethought and planning*), he **drove them all out** of the **temple, (iero, temple area)** with the sheep and oxen. And he **poured out** the coins of the money-changers and **overturned their tables**.

John 2:16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." **(does not quote like other gospels from Isa 56:7; Jer 7:11- gentile audience)**

John 2:17 **His disciples remembered** that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

*(13) passover conflict- John ref. more for theological purposes- mentions more than any other gospel
Behold the True Lamb- the True Passover 1:29; 36
keep John's purpose in mind - 20:30-31*

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John 2:18 ¶ So the **Jews** said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"

John 2:19 Jesus answered them, "**Destroy this temple, (naos - holy of holies) and in three days I will raise it up.**" **(their unbelief established before He came)(not i will destroy - Mk 14:58; or I can destroy - matt 26:61)**

John 2:20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this **temple, (37 years left to finish and 7 more till destroyed)(naos - holy of holies)** and **will you (you is emphatic here - main idea of section- authority to define right and wrong)** raise it up in three days?"

John 2:21 But he was speaking **(let there be...and there was)** about **the temple (naos -holy of holies) of his body**.

John 2:22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, **his disciples remembered** that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*(18) what sign - Exodus 12:1-13 - the blood
(19) temple - The Greek word for Temple (hieron) in verses 14 & 15 refers to the Temple area, while the term (naos) in verses 19, 20, and 21 refers to the inner sanctuary itself.
john - looking forward to destruction of temple and access through Jesus -
(John 4:21-24); (1 Cor 3:16-17)
(17) house of God - bethel - Jn 1:51 = the Son of Man - **Behold the Temple of God**
(18, 20) says who - Matt 21:12-13, 23; 27:40 - you have no authority - look at you*

But His disciples remembered

John 2:23 ¶ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the **Passover** Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. (seeing is not believing)

John 2:24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people

John 2:25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

*John 8:31-45 (they did not abide in His Word); 12:42-43 (they loved the glory of man)-
Jesus did not believe in their believing - they were not His sheep
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But His disciples remembered -and believed in the Scripture

John 2:11, 17, 22 -

Implication

*the question was not buying and selling but who has authority to define things -God or man
the bible reveals this conflict - psalm 2*

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Application

do you worship at the temple of God or man?

Main Idea:

Behold the true Temple of God - whether you like it or not

here are some articles that can enhance your study:

<http://www.tms.edu/preachersandpreaching/an-open-letter-to-tms-alumni/>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2015/06/26/why-the-church-should-neither-cave-nor-panic-about-the-decision-on-gay-marriage/>

<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/trevinwax/2015/06/26/top-10-quotes-from-the-dissenting-justices-on-same-sex-marriage/>