



*New Baptist Church - 12 February 2017*

# **A Zealous God**

**John 2:13-22**

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**“The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.”**



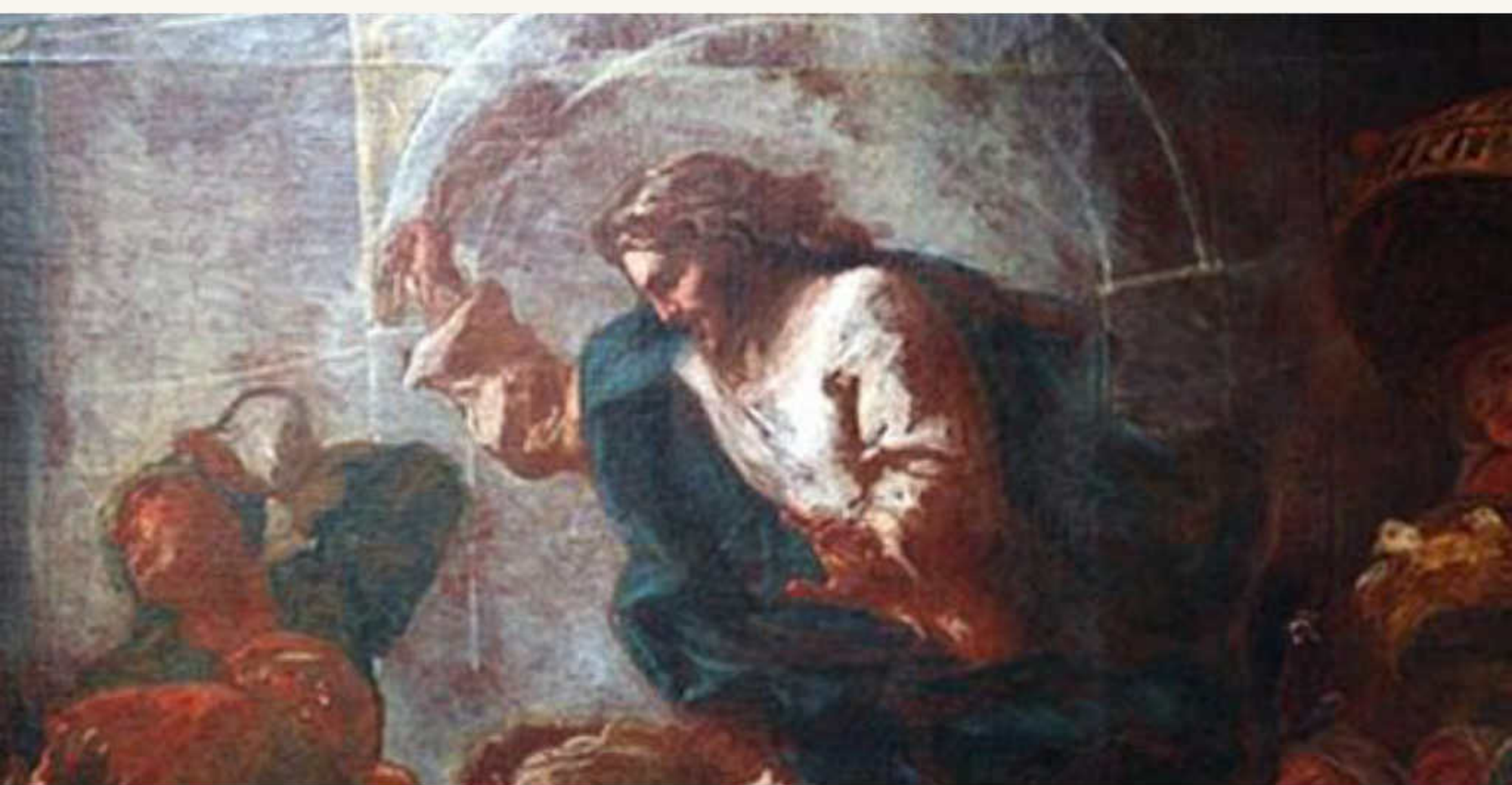
(John 2:14-16)

14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."



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- Worship was turned into a mechanical exercise.
- People could not worship due to the distraction of the market place.



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

# *The Zealousness of Jesus*

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## Malachi 3:1-3

“1 “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

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2 But who can endure the day of his  
coming, and who can stand when he  
appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and  
like fullers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner  
and purifier of silver, and he will purify  
the sons of Levi and refine them like gold  
and silver, and they will bring offerings  
in righteousness to the LORD."

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



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**2. Jesus is a refiner of that which He owns**

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