

## Preparation Questions

### Study 3: John 2.1-25

#### What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

**Opener:** How would most people expect Jesus to behave at a party?

**Text 1:** According to verse 11, why did Jesus perform this miracle? What picture do we get of who Jesus is and what he came to do from 2:1-12?

**OT sharpener:** How do the prophecies in Isaiah 25v6-8 and Amos 9v13-15 help us further grasp who Jesus is and what he is about?

**Text 2:** From what we see in v13-17 why does Jesus clear the Temple? What do we discover about who Jesus is and what he came to do from this incident?

**OT sharpener:** How do v17 and Psalm 69v9 and Malachi 3v1-5 help us understand why Jesus is angry?

**Text 3:** In v18-25...How does Jesus' prediction show that he's got authority to judge the temple? How do these verses begin to show us that there are different types of response to Jesus? As judge, what is his verdict on people?

**One to chew on:** Bearing in mind what we've seen in John so far, sum up what these incidents tell us about the kind of Messiah Jesus is and what his Messianic kingdom is about and when it will happen. What are the pros and cons of having Jesus as our ruler?

#### ***Looking at John with someone else – How much detail to include ...***

How much would you want to show them how these incidents and phrases like 'my hour has not yet come' connect with John's introduction (ch 1), the wider context of the section (bracketed by 2.1-12 and 4.46-54) and John's purpose for the whole book (ch 20.31)?

What's the big take home point you'd like them to go away with from these two episodes?