

Gospel 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lent Sunday Ciclo B

## **GOD BECOMES HUMAN IN JESUS**



**LORD, you are near**

### **SETTING**

To stay and to be, to be silent in order to listen to life. I prepare myself to receive and to be with you Lord of life. From the silence of the path, I breathe with you your life, our lives.

Willing to be encouragement for those who walk with me.

To accompany processes and to project the light received for those who seek and to awake questions that feed dreams.

**SONG.** Step by step. Fernando Leiva

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NldoNoOVfQM>

### **GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN 2:13-25.**

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not

make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for thy house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he spoke of the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man.

## WE DEEPEN THE GOSPEL.

Let us put ourselves in the shoes of those who are witnesses of this attack of anger of Jesus: a long time ago since the animal merchants were in the esplanade of the Temple. When people come on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, sometimes from far away, they expect to find animals there to buy and offer in sacrifice. As for the money exchange stations, they were absolutely necessary. It is known that since the Roman occupation, the coins were stamped with the emperor's effigy and were unworthy of being in the collection! And yet, in the city, they were indispensable. For these reasons, when one arrived at the Temple, what was necessary to offer was changed. If things are like this, why does Jesus act that way?

At the moment, the violence of Jesus is not expected, and neither are his words! The reproach addressed at the vendors: "Do not make my Father's house a dealer's house" makes those who listen to him understand that Jesus **takes himself for a prophet**. Stronger still, **Jesus takes himself for the Messiah**. And, even worse: speaking of the Temple, he dares to define it as **"the House of my Father"**!

As for the disciples, after the Baptism at the edge of the Jordan and the wedding feast in Canaan, they sensed several times that Jesus was really the Messiah. For this reason we can say that they were prepared to recognize, in the attitude of Jesus, a prophetic gesture; *especially since everyone knew that sacrificial animals should not be in the Temple. Normally, animal sellers should be located in the Kidron Valley and on the slopes of the Mount of Olives. But, little by little, they approached the Temple until they settled on the esplanade! This is what Jesus reproaches them and with good reason.* At this moment a phrase from Psalm 68/69 passes through the memory of the disciples: "Zeal for your house will consume me".

That magnificent Temple, respected by all, for being the manifest sign of the presence of God in the midst of his people. That Temple does not expect anything from the carpenter of Nazareth and his history of the three days!

And that, for a Jew, knowledgeable of Scripture, three days was the figure that was often talked about: symbolically it was a way of affirming: **"God will intervene without a doubt"**. The problem lies in the fact that if John has placed this episode of the Temple at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, while the other three evangelists, place it at the end, it is because John probably wants to alert us: **there are "prejudices" that prevent God from speaking**. The disciples have no prejudices; they could accompany Jesus step by step and discovered him little by little.

From this episode, the Presence of God is not in a stone construction, but in the heart of humanity, in the body of the Risen Lord. He is God RECOGNIZED!

### **CLUES FOR THE PRAYER.**

- Let us place ourselves in the shoes of those who witness Jesus' attack of anger. What do you feel? What do you think? What do you ask to yourself?
- What do you have to remove from your life that prevents the Gospel of Jesus from taking its place? What have you filled your inner being with?
- What does this text invite you to? What re-adaptations, what cleaning do you have to do in your inner being?
- What can we remove from our community, parish, so that they may become more of Jesus, so that we may go from superficiality to depth?

**YOU ARE A LIVING TEMPLE, welcome life and offer it \_\_\_\_\_**

**Ambiental Music.** Hope, Kendra Springer

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onUfo\\_dex1o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onUfo_dex1o)

### **LORD OF THE WISE WORDS**

We go up to Jerusalem,  
open path to new experiences.  
Some ask for signs.  
What more sign than life itself.  
Jesus, touched for the mission,  
Cross on the horizon.

Going up to Jerusalem, fraternity exposed,  
questioned, even rejected.  
Many did not understand,  
they changed uses and forms, Jesus reacts.  
My Lord, the One of the wise words,  
who show the route.  
You are way, truth and life.  
commitment, coherence, authenticity.  
You know where you come from and where you are going.  
Lord of the deep gaze,  
who scrutinize the elements and highlight the keys,  
who welcome the small and lift the fall.  
Lord of authentic life,  
who get involved and gives.  
You are strong Lord in your endeavors.  
Don't convert the temple!  
Be coherent men and do what is a dream.  
Be compassionate, have mercy on everyone,  
show his true face.  
Proclaim the full life,  
made of daily scraps,  
with its lights and its shadows.  
Calm your heart  
and soften the word, may it do not hurt.  
Pour out the gestures, for a more worthy life.  
Be temples of the God of Love,  
who calls you and sets you on the path.  
Walk together to Jerusalem,  
hand in hand with Life,  
transformed and loved, in you.  
All together with You,  
Lord of the wise words,  
who overflow hope.  
We walk with you towards Easter.

**SONG. "A little of faith". Ixcis**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Aafr4JK1Dc>



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