

Anima Women's Network  
On Line Lenten Retreat 2018

## Reflection Sheet Week 3

### Gospel of the day

John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near,  
Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
He found in the temple area those who sold  
oxen, sheep, and doves,  
as well as the money changers seated there.  
He made a whip out of cords  
and drove them all out of the temple area, with  
the sheep and oxen,  
and spilled the coins of the money changers  
and overturned their tables,  
and to those who sold doves he said,  
"Take these out of here,  
and stop making my Father's house a  
marketplace."  
His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,  
Zeal for your house will consume me.  
At this the Jews answered and said to him,  
"What sign can you show us for doing this?"  
Jesus answered and said to them,  
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will  
raise it up."  
The Jews said,  
"This temple has been under construction for  
forty-six years,  
and you will raise it up in three days?"

But he was speaking about the temple of his  
body.  
Therefore, when he was raised from the dead,  
his disciples remembered that he had said  
this,  
and they came to believe the Scripture  
and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of  
Passover,  
many began to believe in his name  
when they saw the signs he was doing.  
But Jesus would not trust himself to them  
because he  
knew them all,  
and did not  
need anyone to  
testify about  
human nature.  
He himself  
understood it  
well.



### Reflection Questions

- Do we let Christ in to cleanse our souls? Our temples of the Holy Spirit?
- Are we looking to spend this Lent as a time to listen to God in his Word? Are we really listening to what He wants to say to us?
- Can we create habits during Lent, spending time reading the Bible – His Word to us?
- Are we humble in the eyes of the Lord? Do we acknowledge our smallness, our littleness in comparison to him?
- What habits have we created that misuse our gifts and talents?
- Have we gone to confession during this Lent yet?
- Do we see Christ as merely an idea or a thing rather than a person who loves us more than we can know? Divine Love, in a Human Heart.

### Action

*Once we are quiet in prayer, conjour up the very face of Christ. Put a face on Our Lord. Look into his eyes and speak to Him as you would anyone near, dear, close to you that you love. Accept his love, adore him, ask him to cleanse the temple of our souls and then pour our hearts out to Him.*