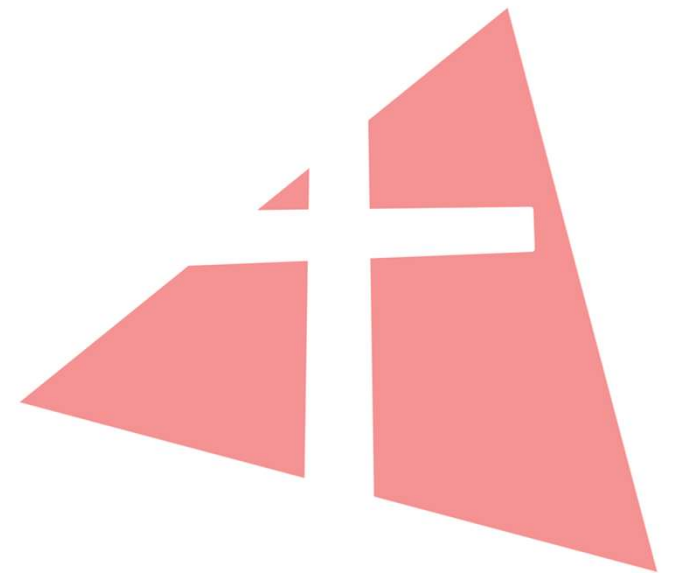
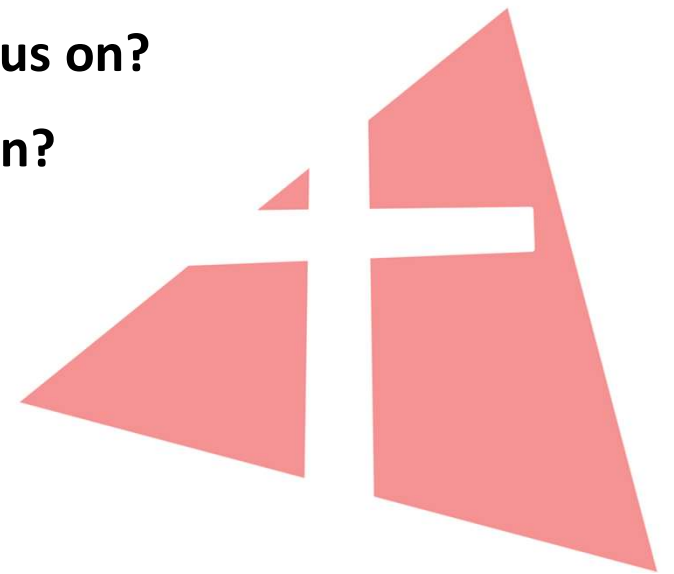


Praying for the Church



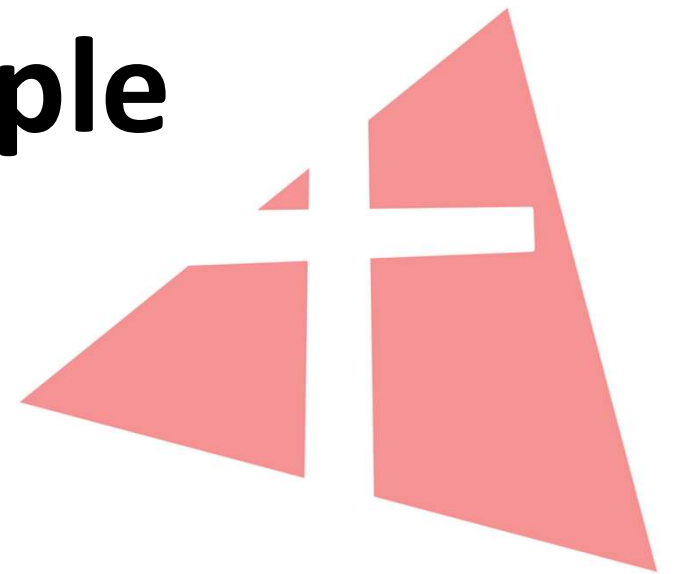
Outreach

- **What kind of outreach strategy does God want Aletheia to focus on?**
- **What kind of outreach activities does God want Aletheia to run?**



Jesus cleanses the Temple

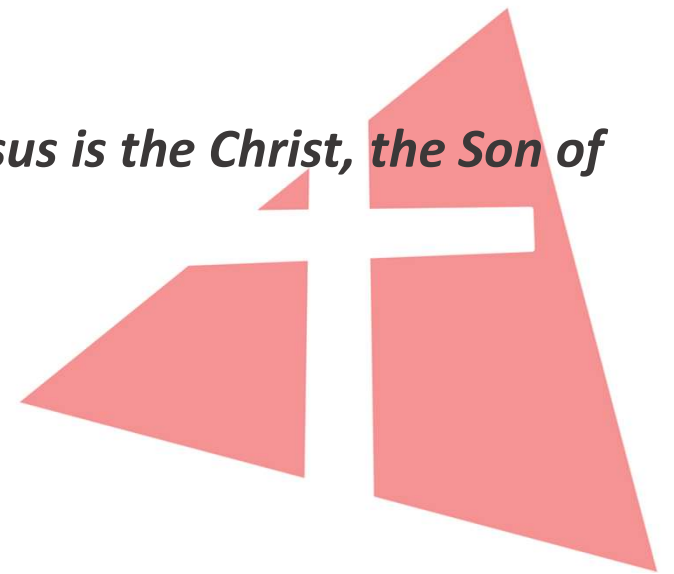
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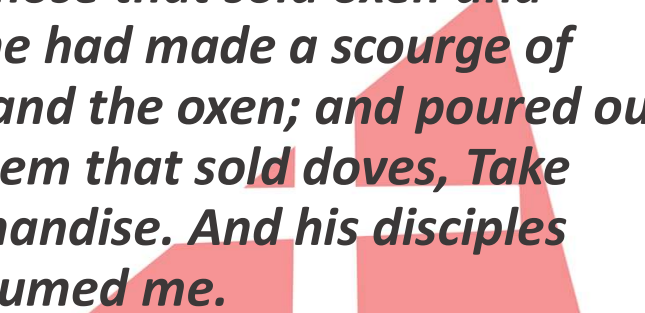
- Jesus, the Word

John 20:31 But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through his name.



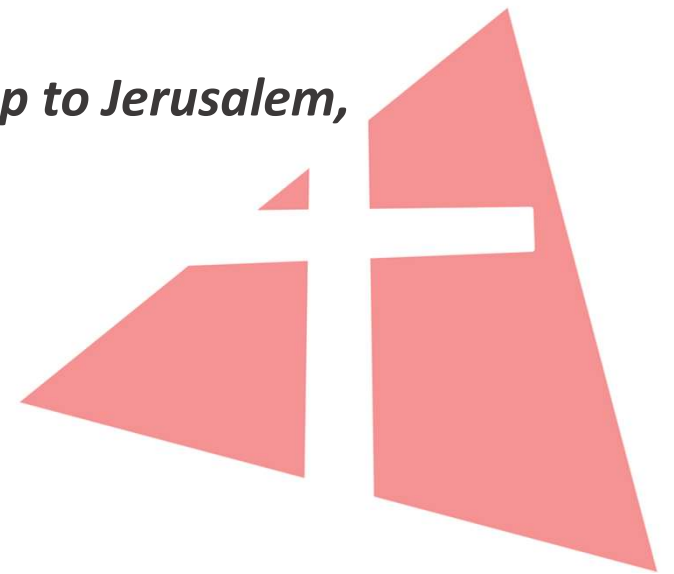
John 2

John 2:12-17 After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days. And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things away; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of your house has consumed me.

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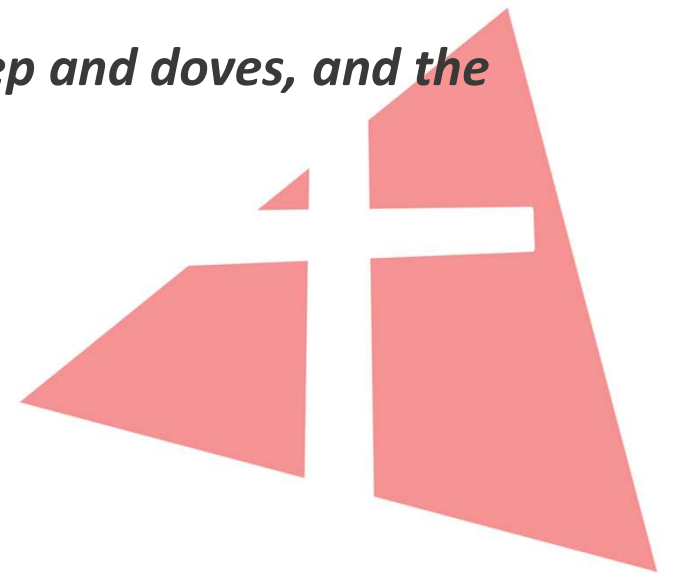
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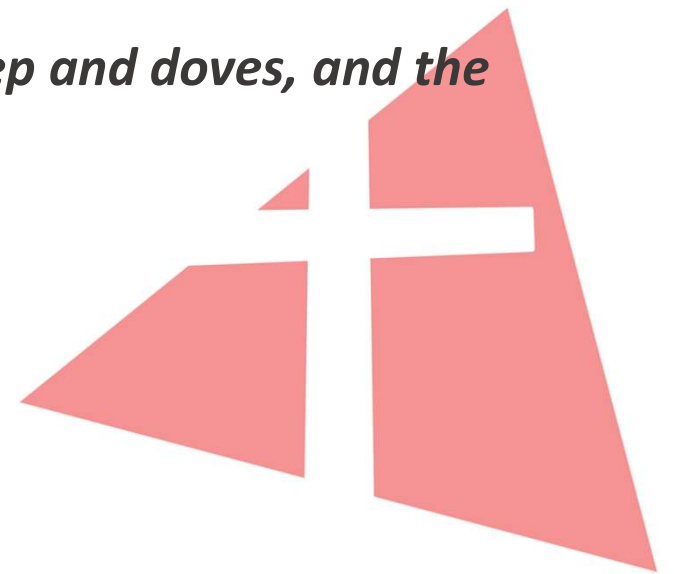
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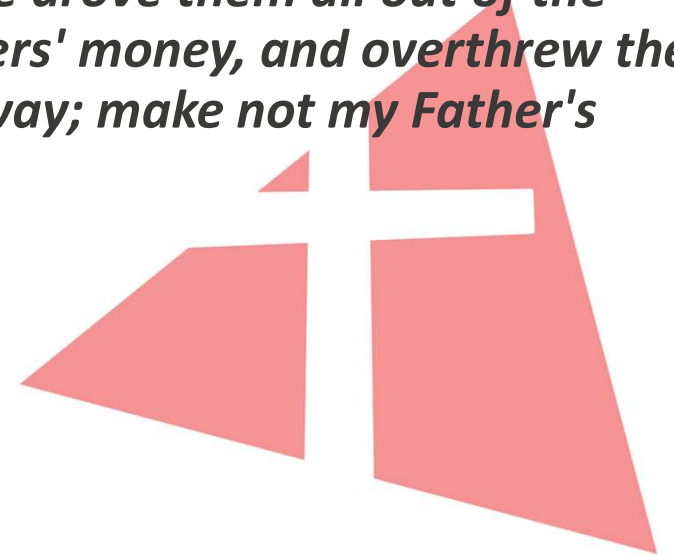
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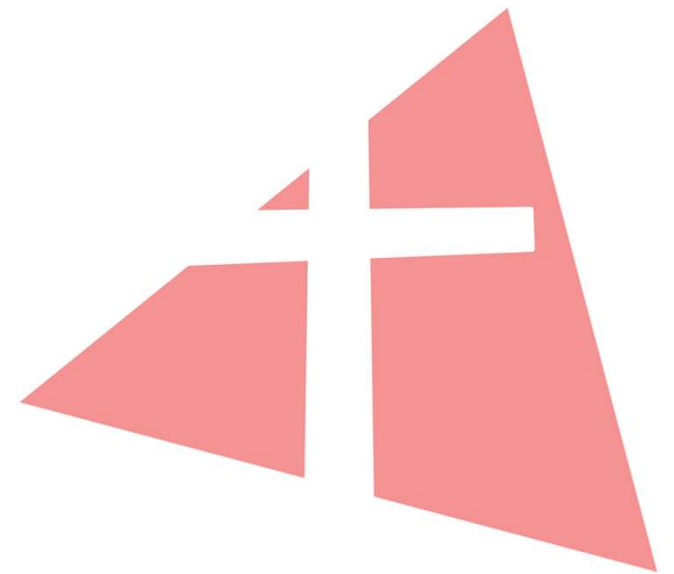
Jesus' anger

John 2:15-16 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things away; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise.



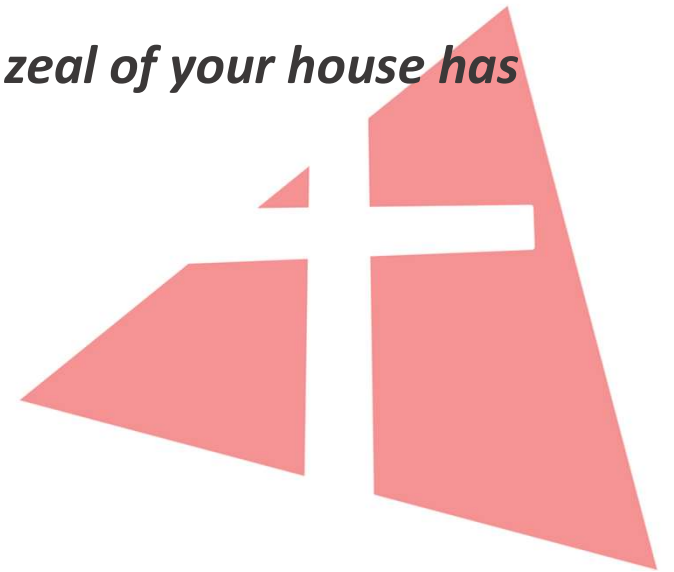
The merchants

- I wonder what these merchants were thinking later on



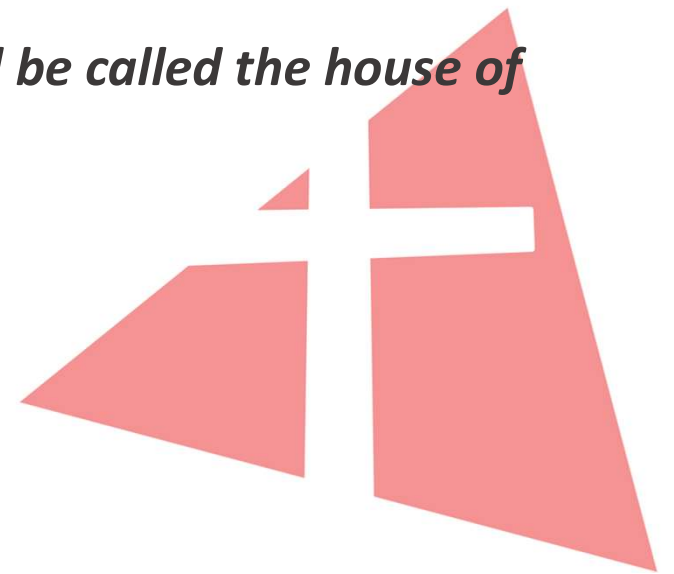
John's conclusion

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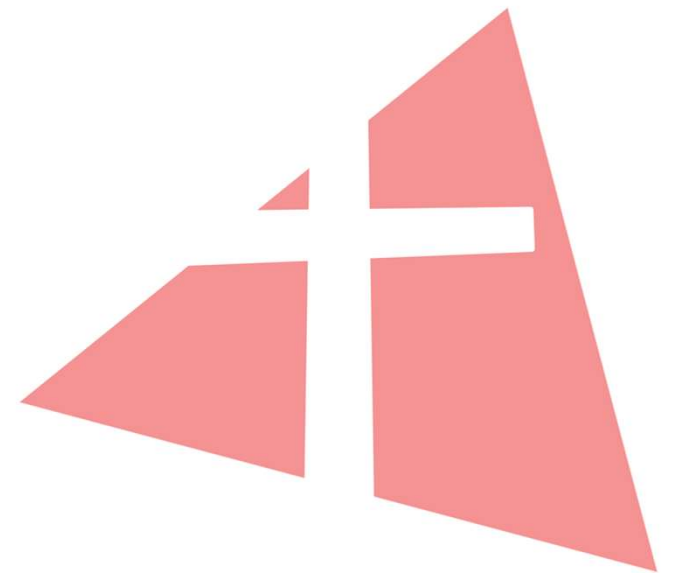
Matthew's Conclusion

Matthew 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves.



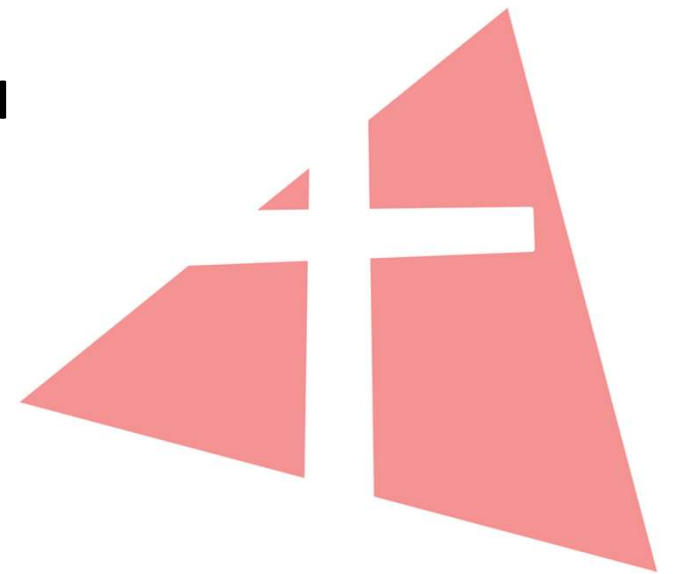
Jesus' anger

- **The merchants didn't only miss the point**
- **The merchants let other people away from God**



Application

- **Jesus hates when churches try to make money with the gospel**



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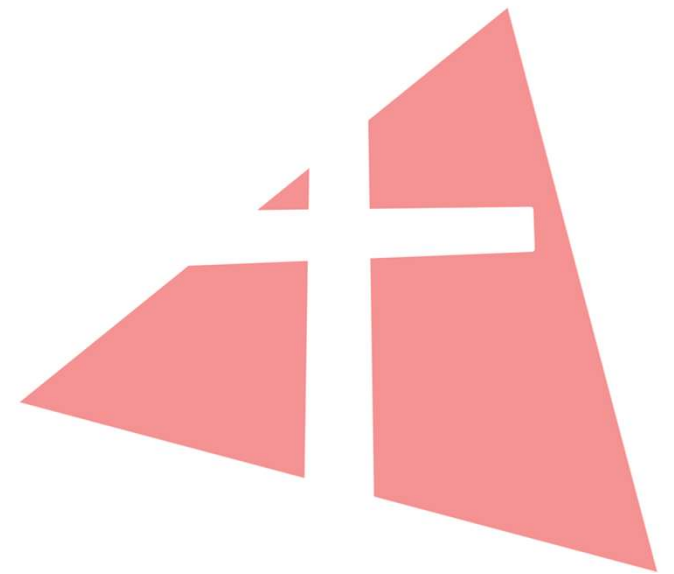
- Jesus hates when we have “mixed motives” in our worship to God

Amos 5:21-23 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not take delight in your solemn assemblies. Though you offer me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fatted beasts. Take away from me the noise of your songs; for I will not hear the melody of your harps.



Application

- The church ought to be a “House of Prayer”



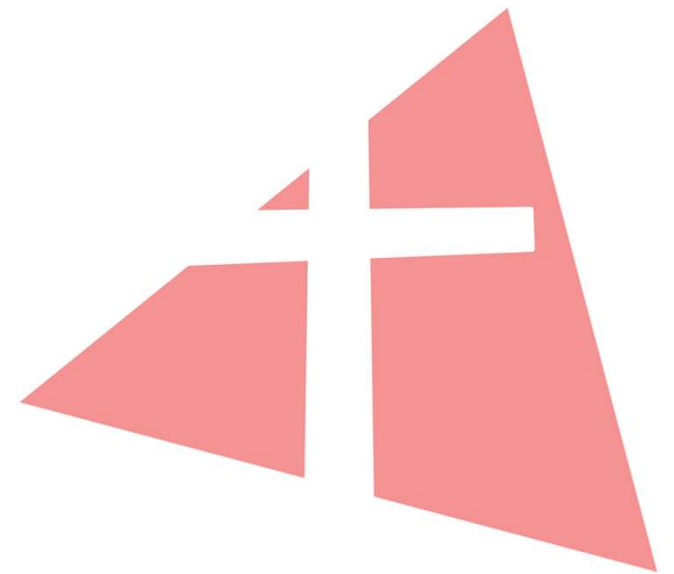
Application

Mark 9:42 And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.



In Conclusion

- Jesus hates mixing “worship activities” and “worldly goals”





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