

**John 2:18-22**  
*"Who Do You Think You Are?"*

Embracing the complete Jesus involves accepting every single side of the Divine Messiah. The modern Church has attempted to "domesticate" Jesus Christ.

A Brief Review of Last Week's Sermon (points 1-4)

I) \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(John 2:12-13)*

II) \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(John 2:14)*

III) \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(John 2:15-16)*

IV) \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(John 2:17)*

**The religious carnival leads to**

V) \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(John 2:18)*

VI) \_\_\_\_\_.

*(John 2:19; Isaiah 46:8-10)*

VII) \_\_\_\_\_.

*(John 2:20)*

VIII)

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*(John 2:21-22)*

## Applicational Thoughts and Questions related to the morning sermon

What attributes and characteristics of the historical Jesus are revealed in John 2:12-22? In what ways is this “the Jesus you can’t ignore?” How is this different than the domesticated Jesus that’s often presented as the real Jesus in the contemporary church?

Modern man often constructs idols of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit with their minds (not with their hands). What is meant by this statement? How do we keep ourselves from unknowingly making or serving a god/savior in our own image?

In what ways has the seeker-friendly/church growth movement turned the Lord’s House into a religious circus/carnival? One church in Waukesha paid for advertisement on social media with this heading, “Sundays = FUNdays at such and such a church.”

How do we “keep the main things the main things?”  
Note Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 4:12-16; 2 Timothy 3:15-4:4.

Review Revelation 2-3. What things does King Jesus find unacceptable in “the 7 churches of Asia Minor?” Are any of those things true of LCBC? If so, may we repent and reform our ways in the light of God’s pure and perfect Word.

Efforts to reform wayward saints and/or wayward churches can be risky business. Memorize Galatians 4:16. Many Protestants were murdered by Roman Catholic Church rulers as they sought to bring about biblical Reformation in Europe (following the “Dark Ages”). See Faith Cook’s “Lady Jane Grey: the 9 Day Queen of England” and “Foxes’ Book of Martyrs.”

May the Word of God be the final and highest authority in all religious/personal disputes.

This entire Temple narrative is full of profound irony. For example, Jesus' body was the living abode of the glory of God on earth (*per Col 2:9, John 1:14*). As such His body is the truest Temple of God. During the end of his earthly ministry, when the Jews call for His head, they unintentionally set in motion the Sovereign purposes of God! The perfect, once for all, sacrifice of God's Passover Lamb, rendered Herod's Temple obsolete (the temple veil was torn from top to bottom). All of the sacrifices and ceremonies of the Old Covenant find their ultimate fulfillment in Christ! All of which adds up to this: Acceptable worship is only possibly today in and through Jesus Christ. **1 Timothy 2:5**, *For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.* Only Jesus could restore proper worship with God & lasting reformation. For He alone possessed the proper pedigree and the necessary power! all glory to Jesus; our Divine Savior & our Resurrected Head!

In light of these glorious truths one preacher noted, *"That if anyone now seeks God apart from Christ, he should know that He will miss God. For if in times past those who sought God outside Jerusalem failed to find Him, today those who look for Him apart from Christ, will run astray still more."* **John 14:6**, “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.” **Hebrews 3:1, 5-6**; “Therefore holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession...<sup>5</sup> Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.”