

The TEMPLE DOVES

in John 2:14-22 **were** / **are** ...

“Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and **doves**, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold **doves**, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise! Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.”” (*John 2:13-17*)

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associated with

how to approach God

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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dealt with

gently by the Lord Jesus

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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differentiated from

the oxen and the sheep

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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for sale

for excessive profit

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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God’s special

provision for the poor

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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in line with

Leviticus 5:5-10, 12:5-8, 14:1-4

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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more interesting

than those in Mat. 21:12-17

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Descriptive



Meditation

both doves and turtledoves
but usually not white

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necessary but

sold in the wrong place

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not

peacocks & pheasants

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not

set free (2:16 / Lev. 14:1-9)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not as

wild as most other birds

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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ordinary but

in a special situation

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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relatively weak

like Israel (Psa. 74:19-20)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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sold by

men but owned by God

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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sometimes wrongly

depicted as flying away

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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to stress Jesus’

authority with gentleness

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Directions: after reading through **John 2:14-22** and some articles on doves and turtledoves in Israel, consider and discuss how the doves that Jesus found being sold in the temple are described above. **Do you agree with the various points that are made? How would you modify or add to some of them?** — **At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make applications**, thinking especially about what the use of and the interaction with the doves reveals about the Lord and the Jewish leaders.