

# **Avoiding Mission Drift- John 2:13-25**



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- The chatter is all about people and not Jesus
- You no longer celebrate God's mission in a worship service
- The percentage given to missions out of budget is shrinking
- Church leaders do not speak about the lostness of the nations

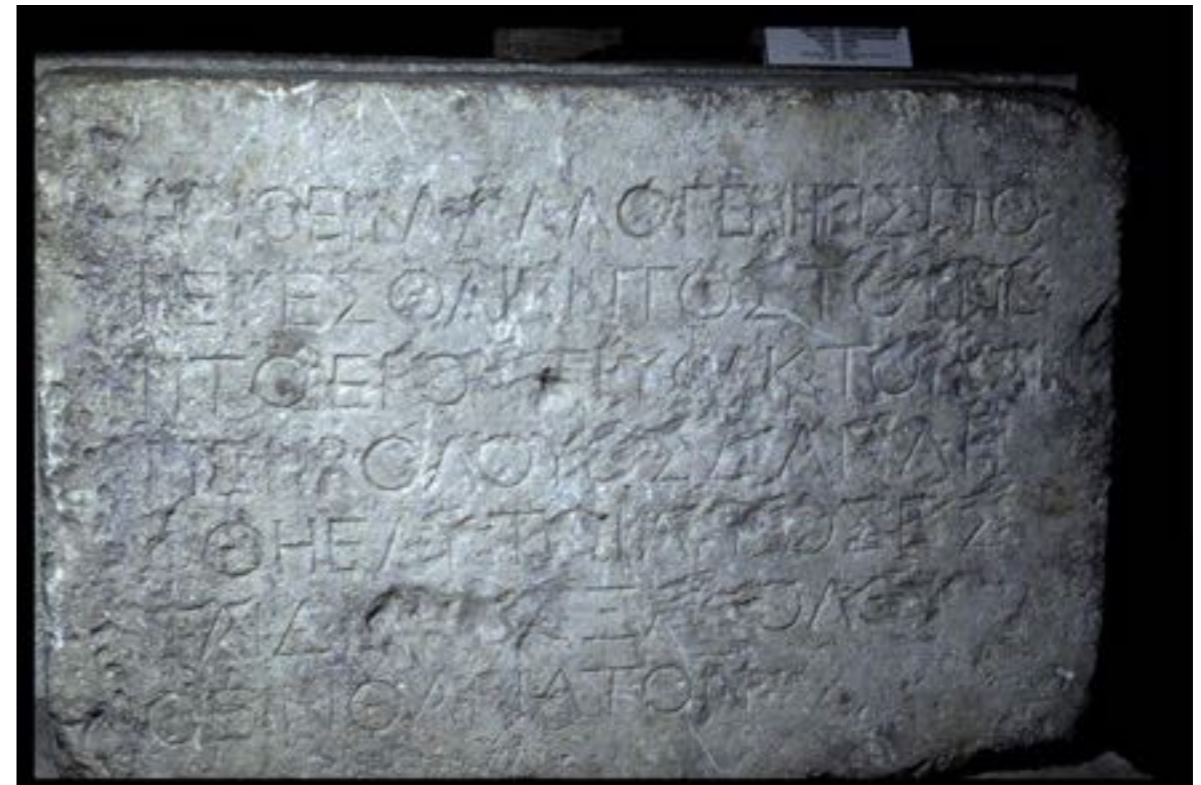
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- New believers are perceived as disturbing the peace of the body
- There is more of a focus on older generations than the younger generations
- Few care about the persecuted church
- It takes more to win less



# A Religious Circus

- Passover
- Money changers in the Court of the Gentiles
- Sellers and inspectors sold all the sacrifices
- Extortion was common



# The Anger of Jesus

- Temple was his Father's house, and what was happening dishonoured his Father
- The one place where people from other nations could pray was not available



# The Root of Jesus' Anger was Love

- Jesus opposed what was happening because it diminished the glory of God and kept others from God



# The Way of Worship Would Change

- It is not the power of the whip but the moral power that strikes at the hearts of the people
- Destroy this temple - the death and resurrection of Jesus that will make the temple obsolete





# **We are the Temple of God**

**What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.” (2 Cor 6:16)**

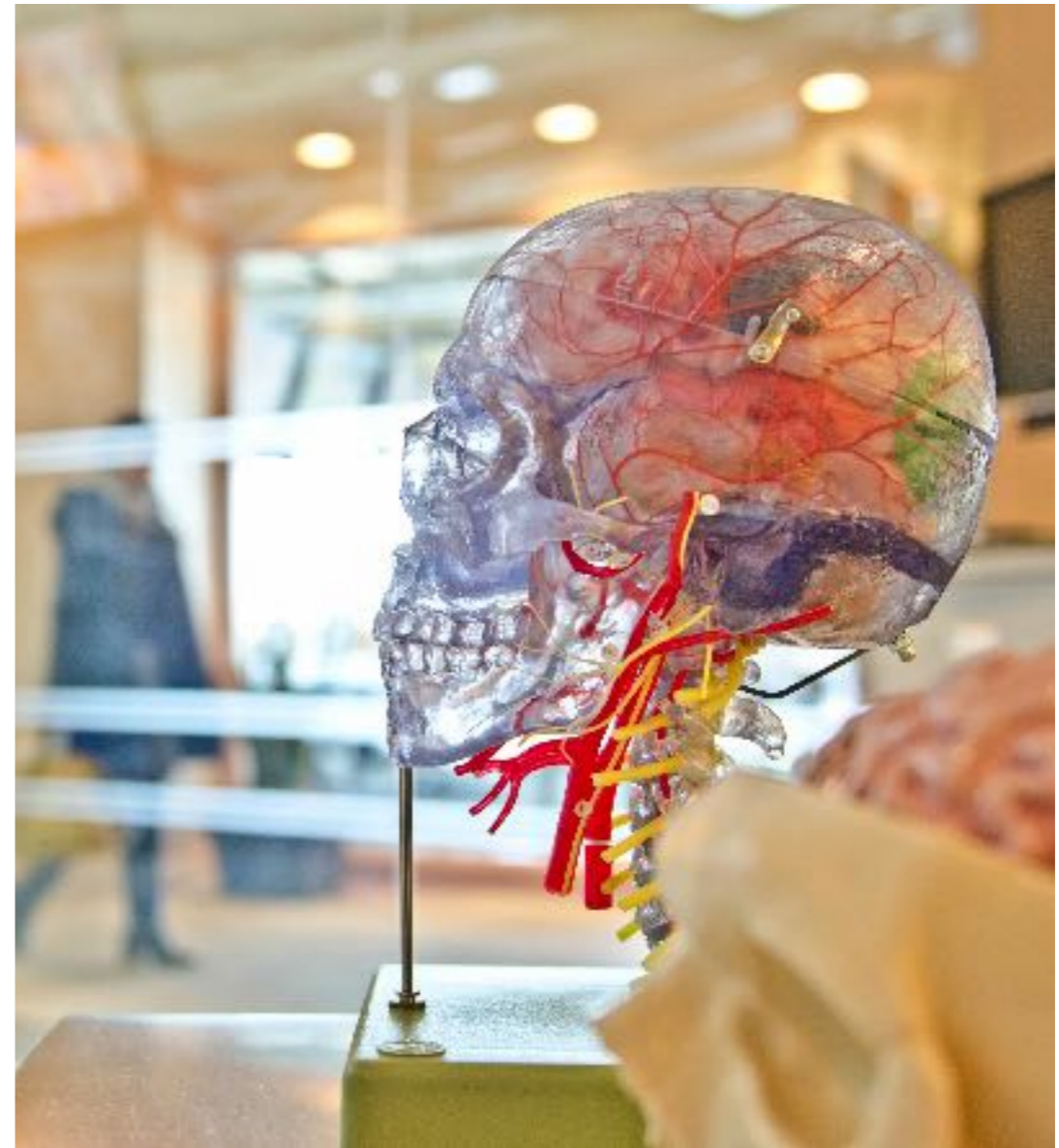
# God Has Built into the Church Ways to Express the Gospel (Good News)

Your love for one another  
will prove to the world  
that you are my disciples.

John 13:35 (New Living Translation)

# We Must be Faithful to the Corporate Worship of the Church

- Keystone Habit - simple, but catalytic new routines that inspire other fresh patterns of behaviour



# Keystone Habit for Christians

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

# Jesus Completely Knows our Inner Life and What Our Priorities Are

- The Jews were impressed that Jesus could do miracles, but this belief was shallow



