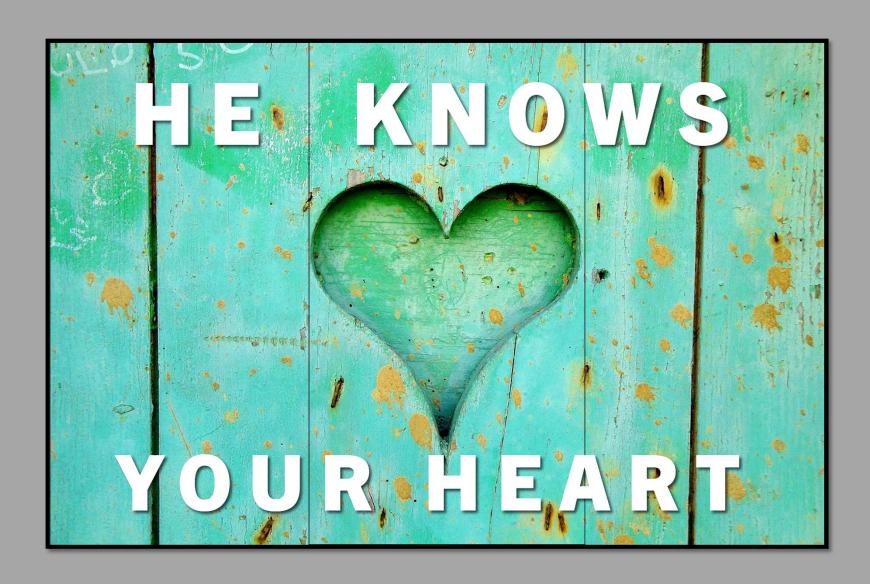
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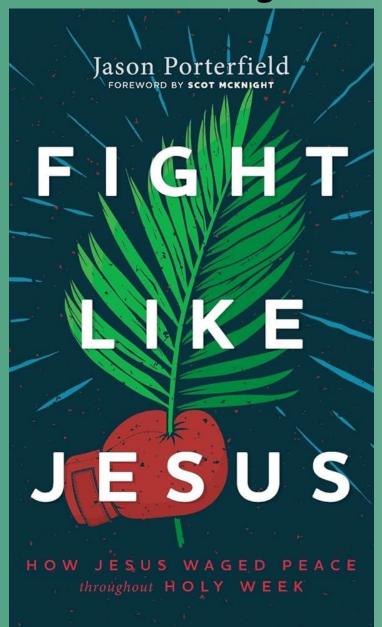


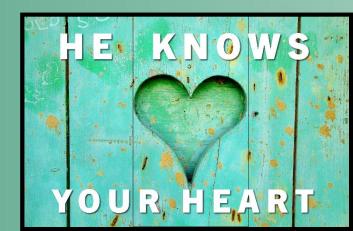
Sermon

John 2:25

'He knows what is in each person's heart'









Jacopo Bassano – The Purification of the Temple (c. 1580)



El Greco – Christ Driving out the Money Changers (c. 1575)



Rembrandt – Christ Driving out the Money Changers (c. 1626)

Mark 11:11 (NIV)

11 After Jesus had gone to Jerusalem, he went into the temple and looked around at everything. But since it was already late in the day, he went back to Bethany with the twelve disciples.



John 2:13-25 (NIV)

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.





Recreation of Herod's Temple

Mark 11 (NIV)

15 ... Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves ... 17 And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house

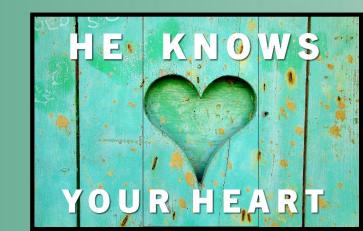
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will be called a house of prayer for all nations'?
But you have made it 'a den of robbers."

Isaiah 56 (NIV)

3 Let no foreigner who is bound to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely exclude me from his people." 4 For this is what the Lord says: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant—5 to them I will give within

my temple ... a memorial and ... an everlasting name that will endure forever.



Isaiah 56 (NIV)

6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord ... to love the name of the Lord ... 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.



John 2:13-25 (NIV)

15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here!



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Matthew 5 (NIV)

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."



Matthew 5 (NIV)

38 "You have heard that it was said,
'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'
39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person.
If anyone slaps you on the right cheek,
turn to them the other cheek also."



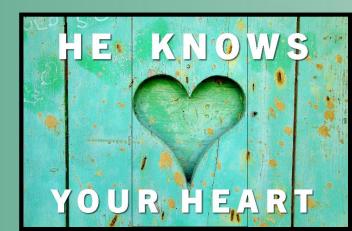
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43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."



Isaiah 53 (NIV)

9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.



John 2:13-25 (NIV)

17 His disciples remembered that it is written:

"Zeal for your house will consume me."



Matthew 21 (NIV)

14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.
15 But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.

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Fight Like Jesus (p. 55)

For Jesus, pacifism could never be equated with passivism. Refusing to act violently was never a refusal to act. When all was not right, Jesus never sat idly by, doing nothing. Love compelled him to act. Love moved him to resist evil with every fiber of his

being. And Jesus intends for this same active love to be found in all who embrace his approach to peacemaking.



John 2:13-25 (NIV)

18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"
19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."



John 2:13-25 (NIV)

20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"
21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body.



John 2:13-25 (NIV)

22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.



John 2:13-25 (NIV)

23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. 24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.

25 He did not need any testimony

about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

"he knew what was in each person's heart"

(NLT)



Fight Like Jesus (p. 61)

Many claim their zeal is righteous. But don't be fooled. On Monday of Holy Week, Jesus revealed what true zeal for God looks like. Truly righteous zeal is constructive, not destructive. It lifts others up instead of tearing them down. Instead of injuring, it

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heals. Instead of destroying, it restores. And above all, truly righteous zeal is motivated by self-giving love, not other-consuming hatred.

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