JESUS

Week 4

Philippians 3:10a AMPC

¹⁰ [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly],



I would like to introduce you to the **fierceness** of Jesus.

From the Cambridge Dictionary **fierce**

adjective
UK /fiəs/ US /firs/

strong and powerful: showing strong feeling or energetic activity:

 The fierceness of Jesus towards things that <u>separate</u> us from Him.

John 2:13-16 NLT

¹³It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem.
 ¹⁴In the Temple area he saw merchants selling

cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. ¹⁵Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered

the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. ¹⁶Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

These money changers were not only extorting the people but were located in the court of the Gentiles. The court of the Gentiles was the only place in the temple area that Gentiles could come and pray.

II. The fierceness of Jesus towards death.

John 11:32-33 NLT

³² When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled.



Deeply moved or troubled is the word embrimomenos in Greek which means to snort with <u>anger</u>.

John 11:38-39, 41-44 NLT

³⁸ Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. ³⁹ "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them.

⁴¹So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. ⁴²You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." ⁴³Then Jesus

shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"



John 10:10 ESV

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.



III. The fierceness of Jesus towards things that **impede** His plan.

Mark 4:35-39 NIV

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."
³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were

also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

IV. The fierceness of Jesus towards things that **control** our lives.

Mark 1:23-26 NIV

²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of

Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

^⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.