Session 3: Jesus' Anger

The Emotions of Christ – Monday Night Meetings 2021

I. Define: Understanding anger

A. What is anger?

1. **David Powlison:** Anger is "active displeasure towards something that's important enough to care about" (*Good and* Angry, 39).

B. Anger and Love

C. Two kinds of Anger

II. Observe: Circumstances in which Jesus' anger is displayed

A. Rebuke (Epitimao) – Mk 1:25; 4:39; Lk 4:38-39; Mk 8:33

1. **Definition:** to express strong disapproval of someone, *rebuke, reprove, censure* also *speak seriously*.

B. Indignation (aganakteo) – Mark 10:13-16

1. **Definition:** To be aroused to anger, to be indignant.

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C. Anger (orge) – Mark 3:5

1. **Definition:** a state of relatively strong displeasure.

D. Fury (Embrimaomai) – John 11:38

1. **Definition:** The word was used to depict the snorting of an animal. When applied to humans, it speaks of anger, outrage, to be infuriated.

III. Learn: Lessons drawn from Jesus' anger

- 1. **Robert Law:** We should study Jesus' anger "that in the first place we may never draw it down upon ourselves, and then that we may sympathize with it and possess it..." (98).
- B. Let us be careful not to draw down God's anger upon ourselves.

C. Let us only be angry at that which makes God angry.

1. Eph 4:26 Be angry and do not sin!