

The New Temple



The Passage from John's Gospel: John 2:12-25

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.¹⁴ In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, 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! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous 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."

²⁰ The Jews 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.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.

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name.²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men.²⁵ He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

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The Purpose of John's Gospel

John 20:31 "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

A Review of John 2:1 to 11

- ◆ John 2:12 prophesy fulfilled
- ◆ The cleansing of the temple
- ◆ The Passover Feast, Background
- ◆ The cost of Zeal
- ◆ The animals and Moneychangers
- ◆ Jesus. Response



What is the point of this passage, and why is it important to us?

Reference Passages: John 5:39; Matthew 4:13 to 16; Isaiah 9:1 and 2; Deut. 16:16; Matt. 17:27; Deut. 12:5 to 7; Isaiah 56:7; Malachi 3:1, 2; Psalm 69:9; Mark 8:11, 12; Matt 16:21, Mk 9:31, & Lk 18:32, 33; Phil. 2:8; Exodus 33:7; Col 1:27; Hebrews 10:19 to 25; Mk 3:5; Mark 14:58