

Jesus and the Temple

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John 2:12-3:1

After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples; and there they stayed for a few days. The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade. His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for thy house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he spoke of the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he did; but Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men and needed no one to bear witness of man; for he himself knew what was in man. Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

1. John versus Matthew, Mark, and Luke 19:37-48
2. Jesus amid the history of the first third of the first century (pre-70 AD)
 - a. Israel Under Herod
 - b. Israel under the prefects
 - c. Israel under Herod Agrippa II
 - d. Israel under the latter governors
3. Jesus and the cult of the Temple (Matthew 12:3-6; 26:59-66; 27:38-44; I Cor. 3:16-23)
4. The Issue of God - or the things of God

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