



Knowing Christ

Joyful in His House



Cleansing of the Temple

- Matthew 21:12–17
- Mark 11:15–19
- Luke 19:45–48
- John 2:13–16

To the Temple

- ^{NAS} **John 2:13** And the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers seated.

Temple Merchants

- ^{NAS} **Deuteronomy 14:23** "And you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God, at the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the first-born of your herd and your flock, in order that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. ²⁴ "And if the distance is so great for you that you are not able to bring the tithe, since the place where the LORD your God chooses to set His name is too far away from you when the LORD your God blesses you, ²⁵ then you shall exchange it for money, and bind the money in your hand and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses. ²⁶ "And you may spend the money for whatever your heart desires, for oxen, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever your heart desires; and there you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.

The Cleansing

- ^{NAS} **John 2:15** And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the moneychangers, and overturned their tables; ¹⁶ and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a house of merchandise." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Thy house will consume me."
- ^{NAS} **Matthew 21:13** And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a robbers' den."

Messiah in Action

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 56:7** ...For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples... ¹⁰ His watchmen are blind, All of them know nothing. All of them are dumb dogs unable to bark, Dreamers lying down, who love to slumber; ¹¹ And the dogs are greedy, they are not satisfied. And they are shepherds who have no understanding; They have all turned to their own way, Each one to his unjust gain, to the last one.
- ^{NAS} **Psalms 69:9** For zeal for Thy house has consumed me, And the reproaches of those who reproach Thee have fallen on me.

The Challenge

- ^{NAS} **John 2:18** The Jews therefore answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, seeing that You do these things?"

The Answer

- ^{NAS} **John 2:19** Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews therefore said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

Signs

- The First Distinguishing Mark

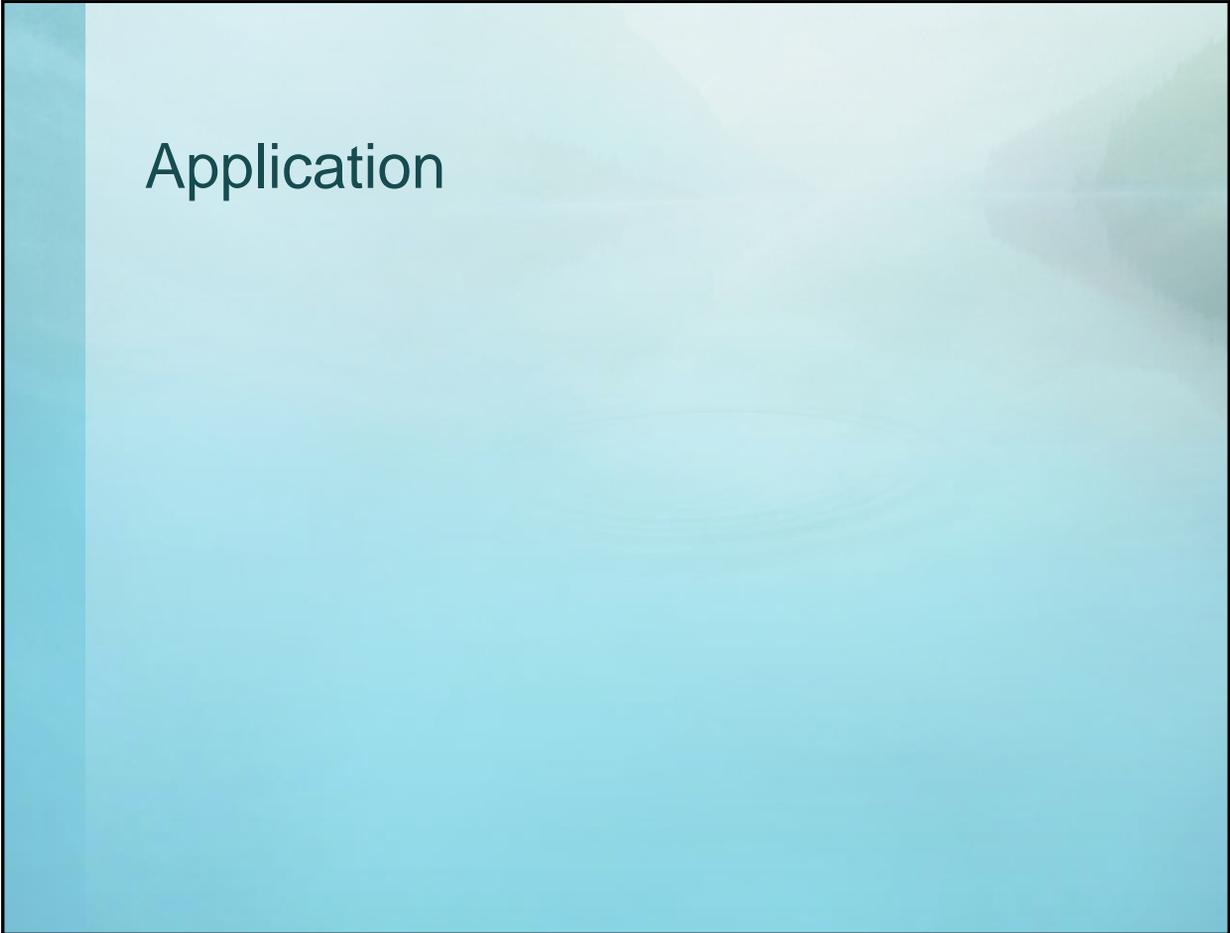
➤ ^{NAS} **John 2:11** This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

- The Ultimate Distinguishing Mark

➤ ^{NAS} **John 2:18** ... "What sign do You show to us...?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up ²¹ But He was speaking of the temple of His body. ²² When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Belief

- ^{NAS} **John 2:11** This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.
- ^{NAS} **John 2:23** Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, beholding His signs which He was doing.



Application



Holding Back

- ^{NAS} **John 2:24** But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men

God is Here

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 56:1** Thus says the LORD, "...My salvation is about to come And My righteousness to be revealed... ⁵ To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, And a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off. ⁶ "Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, To minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD, To be His servants... ⁷ Even those I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."



Conclusions

The True Temple: Jesus

- ^{NAS} **John 2:21** But He was speaking of the temple of His body.
- ^{ESV} **Colossians 1:19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
- ^{NAS} **Colossians 2:9** For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

The True Temple: Us

- ^{NAS} **John 15:4** "Abide in Me, and I in you ...
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 3:17** ... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...
- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 6:16** ... For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- ^{NAS} **1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- ^{ESV} **Ephesians 2:22** In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 56:7** Even those I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer...For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.“
- ^{NAS} **Zechariah 2:10** "Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," declares the LORD. ¹¹ "And many nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.
- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 12:6** Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
- ^{NAS} **Philippians 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!