



## Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

*"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)*

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Text: [John 2:13-22](#)

### WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

The Desecration and Destruction of the Temple

#### Christ's Indignation

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*Jesus clearly was angered by the hubbub, knowing they had dishonored the temple with this buying and selling*

#### Christ's Motive

*"His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me'" (John 2:17, ESV). ([Psalm 69:7-9](#))*

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*Jesus' passion and concern for his Father's Temple related to his desire for pure worship and a right relationship with God through the divinely appointed place that served as the only place where sinful man could be accepted by a holy God.*

#### Christ's Meaning ([John 2:19b, ESV](#)).

*"But he was speaking about the temple of his body" (John 2:21, ESV). Notice a few key points:*

1. Jesus did not say that he would destroy the Temple. (Jesus was accused of saying that at his trial. ([Mark 14:58; 15:29](#));
2. The implied pronoun in the sentence is "You". "You destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up."
3. Jesus is making an implicit accusation (that history will support). It is that Jesus was prophetically asserting that these Jews will destroy the Temple (i.e., his body), but he will raise it up in 3 days. ([Acts 2:23-24, ESV](#)).

*Jesus saw the Jewish Temple as ultimately pointing to himself. The Temple is the road sign; Jesus is the real thing.*

John's Comment ([John 2:22, ESV](#)).

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From this we learn a couple things:

- #1. The death, burial and resurrection of Christ provides the ultimate explanation for who he is and what he said and did.
- #2. When the disciples after the resurrection reflected on this event, it made sense to them and it stirred up faith in the Scriptures.

Conclusion

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*The encounter of Jesus in the Temple was intended to show us his glory – that he is the ultimate Temple – the ultimate place where sinners can meet with God; when spiritually discerned, faith is stimulated – faith in the Scripture and the words of Jesus.*

Application

I think there are some obvious points of application that we should consider:

- #1. Like the Temple, all the promises, hopes and dreams of Israel were to find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ.
  - #2. Jesus is the Temple.
  - #3. Thirdly Jesus is concerned about the purity of His Father's House. [1 Corinthians 3:16](#) (ESV) and ([1 Peter 4:17](#), ESV)
  - #4. The resurrection of Christ attests to the reliability and truthfulness of Scripture.
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