

John 2:13-25 **Temple Cleansed at Passover Time**

13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. 24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, 25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.
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Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Jesus, at the beginning of His ministry, at Passover time, cleansed the temple of merchandise.
 - ✧ "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" [John 2:13-16]
 - ✧ Jesus thus demonstrated His affinity with the Father God Whose House is the Temple. [John 2:16]
 - ✧ The disciples saw it as the Zeal pronounced in prophecy of the Messiah. [John 2:17, Psalm 69:9, 119:139]
- ✚ As is usual for the Jewish Religious Leaders, Because Jesus interrupted their traditional practices by expressing God's repulsion at their corrupt ways, they had no response other than to demand a sign from Jesus to support His authoritative actions. [John 2:18]
 - ✧ The sign Jesus gave is the same one He gave on other occasions when they asked for a sign, that is the sign of Jonah, three days in the earth and then the resurrection. [John 2:19, Matthew 12:39-40, 16:1-4, Mark 8:11-12, Luke 11:29-30]
 - ✧ The disciples understood the meaning after Jesus had risen from the dead. [John 2:22]
- ✚ At the end of His ministry at the time of His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Jesus went into the Temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the Temple, overturned the tables of the money changers and the seat of those who sold doves. [Matthew 21:12, Mark 11:15-16, Luke 19:45]
 - ✧ Jesus said, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations,' [Isaiah 56:7] but you have made it a den of thieves." [Matthew 21:13, Mark 11:17, Luke 19:46]
- ✚ Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. [John 2:23]
 - ✧ The authoritative and miraculous things Jesus did in Jerusalem were sufficient evidence, for those who were looking for the Messiah, to convince them that Jesus was that special man, and they believed in His Name.

- ✚ But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man. [\[John 2:24-25\]](#)
- ✧ Jesus knew the fickle hearts of the people and what they would do in the end, so He knew better than to trust them, even when they seemed to believe in Him.
- ✧ All they were to do, Jesus predicted before it happened. [\[Matthew 12:40, 16:21, 17:9, 22-23, 20:17-19, 26:32, Mark 8:31, 9:9, 30-31, 10:32-34, 14:28, Luke 9:21-22, 18:31-33\]](#)