

## Razing and Raising the Sanctuary (John 2:13-22)

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### Introduction

2<sub>13</sub> Now the Judean Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2<sub>14</sub> And in the temple *courtyard* He found those selling oxen, sheep, and doves, and also money-changers sitting.

Difference between the temple [*hieron*] and the sanctuary [*naos*]

2<sub>15</sub> And after making a whip from cords, He drove everyone from the temple *courtyard*: both sheep and oxen. He also dumped the money-changers' coins and overturned tables.

Did Jesus object to the selling of animals? Or did He object to something else?

2<sub>16</sub> And He told those selling doves, "Take• these *things* from here! Stop• making the house of My Father into a house of trade!"

2<sub>17</sub> Now His disciples recalled that it is written: "Zeal for Your house will consume Me!"

Understanding the words *will consume Me*.

Understanding Psalm 69:9 in its context.

2<sub>18</sub> So in reply Judean *leaders* said to Him, "What sign do You show us, since You do these *things*?"

Was it wrong for the Judean leaders to expect a sign?

2<sub>19</sub> Jesus said to them in reply, “Destroy• this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it!”

2<sub>20</sub> Therefore Judean *leaders* said, “Forty-six years *ago* this sanctuary was built, so will You raise it in three days?”

The passage refers to the sanctuary, not to the temple precincts

It should read was built 46 years earlier, rather than is still being built

2<sub>21</sub> Now He was speaking about the sanctuary of His body.

2<sub>22</sub> So when He rose from *among* the dead *ones* His disciples remembered that He had said this. And they believed the Scripture, even the word that Jesus had spoken.

**CONCLUSION**