

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

John 2:13-25

PART TWO: vv18-25

Introduction

A declaration of deity proven in four impressive, unmistakable ways.

1. Jesus' Divine Power Over *Nature* (v18)

v18

“*sign*” Gk *semeion*; signs, wonders, miracles wrought by Jesus to verify His divine authority.

John 6:28-31

Mark 8:11-13; cp Matthew 12:38-40

2. Jesus' Divine Power of *Prophecy* (vv19-21)

v19 v20

“*temple*” Gk *naos*;

“I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.” Matthew 12:6

But he was speaking about the temple of his body. (v21)

“*It has taken forty-six years to build this temple*”

Mark 14:57-58

Mark 15:29-30

“Yet even about this their testimony did not agree.” Mark 14:59

Jesus reveals the details of what will necessarily take place.

Matthew 16:21

Matthew 17:22-23

Matthew 20:18-19

v21

2 Chronicles 6:18

Acts 7:48-49

Acts 17:24

“For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,” Colossians 2:9

His temple will be the individual and collective body of believers.

Ephesians 2:20-22

1 Peter 2:4-5

3. Jesus’ Divine Power Over *Death* (v22)

v22

Jesus will raise Lazarus from the dead: John 11:38-44

True saving faith is a matter of hearing, accepting, and responding to the Word of God by following Jesus.

“and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.”

Psalm 16:10

Acts 2:31; cp 13:35

4. Jesus’ Divine Power of *All Knowledge* (vv23-25)

v23 v24 v25

“many believed in his name”

“entrust” same Gk word as *“believed”* (v23), *pisteuo*: belief, faith, trust.

John 6:26

James 2:19

Mark 1:24

Mark 5:7

The demons not only saw the signs that Jesus performed. They were part of them and they believed!

Not in the proclamation, but in the demonstration is one’s faith proven to be true.

John 8:31-32

John 8:37-38

Everyone listens. Each to his own desire.

Jesus speaks, but so does the devil.

Jesus speaks to the heart, the devil to the flesh.

Your actions prove, not only who you're listening to, but what you value most.

1 Kings 8:38-39

Psalm 44:20-21

1 John 3:20

Acts 1:24

Psalm 7:9-10

Jeremiah 17:10

Revelation 2:23

John 5:24

John 20:30-31