

Lesson 5

THE SIGN OF THE TEMPLE

John 2:13-25

Key Verse: 2:19

“Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.’”

1. Note the time and place of this event (13-14a). What did Jesus find and do (14b-16)? What was Jesus’ view of the temple and how was it being misused?
2. How did the disciples understand Jesus’ actions in the temple, and on what basis (17)? What question did the Jews ask and why (18)? Why is it so important to remember God’s word in understanding Jesus?
3. What sign would Jesus give to validate his authority (19; Ro 1:4)? How did they interpret his words (20)? When Jesus talked about the temple, what did he really mean (21)? When did his disciples believe Scripture and Jesus’ words (22)?
4. In what sense is Jesus the temple (Jn 1:14; Heb 10:19-20)? What does this mean for us (Heb 4:16)?
5. How did many people respond to Jesus and why (23)? Why did Jesus not entrust himself to them (24-25)? What did you learn about Jesus that helps you to trust him more?