

JESUS DISPLAYS HIS DEITY  
(John 2:12-22)

- I. An INTERLUDE in Capernaum (John 2:12)
  - A. An IMPORTANT Galilean city in Jesus' MINISTRY
  - B. A visit of unspecified DURATION
  
- II. The PASSOVER in Jerusalem (John 2:13)
  - A. Participation REQUIRED for all Jewish MALES
  - B. A celebration of their DELIVERANCE from Egyptian BONDAGE
  
- III. The CLEANSING of the Temple (John 2:14-18)
  - A. ABUSES He observed that day (2:14)
    - 1. SELLING LIVESTOCK in the sacred court
    - 2. EXCHANGING MONEY in the sacred court
    - 3. REVEALING CORRUPTION in the nation's worship
  - B. ACTIONS He took that day (2:15-16)
    - 1. MADE a SCOURGE/WHIP from cords
    - 2. DROVE them ALL out of the temple
    - 3. POURED OUT the MONEY from the boxes
    - 4. OVERTURNED the TABLES in the sales stalls

5. Ordered the CAGED BIRDS to be CARRIED out

C. RESPONSES to His actions (2:17-18)

1. His disciples understood it as FULFILLED PROPHECY (cf. Ps. 69:9)

2. Jews demanded a SIGN to validate His AUTHORITY

IV. The DECLARATION of His Deity (John 2:19-22)

A. Jesus said, “DESTROY this TEMPLE, and in three days I will RAISE it up”

1. Used a word that means “DWELLING place of GOD”

2. Was speaking of Himself as GOD in FLESH

3. Predicted they would KILL HIM and He would RISE AGAIN

B. Jews MISUNDERSTOOD, taking it as a THREAT (cf. Matt. 26:60-61; Mark 14:57-58; Acts 6:14)

C. Disciples REMEMBERED His statement AFTER His resurrection, and BELIEVED (cf. Ps. 16:10; Isa. 53:12; Hos. 6:2)