

*And foreigners who bind themselves to love the name of the LORD and to be his servants, these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. **Isaiah 56***

- “Stop turning my **Father’s house** into a **market!**”
 - The temple was for **knowing** and **treasuring** God. The leaders had **corrupted** its purpose by their greed.
 - Jesus is the **greater David**; A righteous sufferer who is opposed because of zeal for God’s house. See **Ps 69:9**

The Temple Authorities Ask for a Sign *John 2:18-22*

- Rather than consider what Jesus had charged, the Jews question His **authority** to speak and act in the Temple.
 - Their **corruption** will lead to the destruction of Herod’s temple and the death of Jesus.
 - Jesus will lay down His life and then take it up again in the **resurrection**. See **John 10:18**
 - Jesus is the **greater Temple**. See **Matthew 12:6**

*A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **John 4:23***

- **LifeTruth:** Jesus **creates** us new through faith in Him and **refines** our heart (*cleanses from corruption*) so that we may worship God unhindered.



love the Lord
love our neighbor
make disciples



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¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” ²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

John's Purpose Statement

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:30-31**

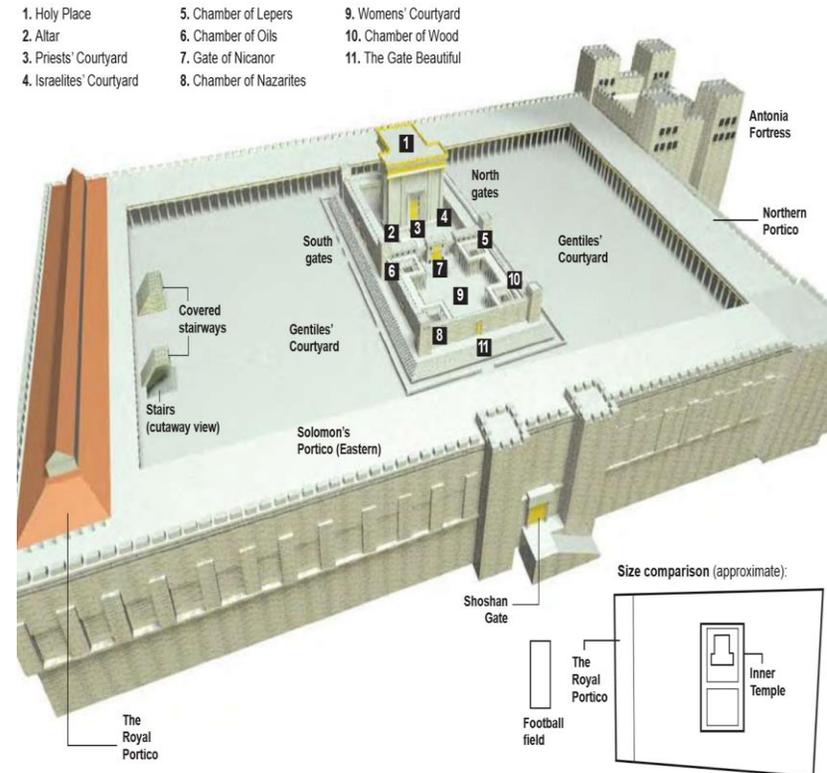
- The **Miracle at the Wedding in Cana** reveals Jesus as **creator**. *In Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* **2 Cor 5:17**
- The **Temple cleansing** reveals Jesus as **refiner** [cleanser, purifier]. *I will send my messenger, who will prepare my way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness.* **Malachi 3**

Jesus Refines [cleanses] the Temple *John 2:13-17*

The temple functions as the palace of the divine King. It is a place where God is present in a unique way, dwelling with those He creates. The form of *temple* changes drastically throughout scripture as God's presence and glory gradually fill the whole earth. **[Alexander]**

- Forms of **Temple** in Scripture:
 - The Garden of Eden
 - The Tabernacle
 - The Jerusalem Temple
 - Solomon, Zerubbabel, Herod
 - **Jesus Christ** (*John 1:14*)
 - The **Church** (*1 Pet 2:4-5*)
 - The New Jerusalem

Herod's Temple



- This is likely the **first of two** temple cleansings in Jesus' ministry.
- **Money changers** and **Merchants** were a convenience to those who had traveled far distances to worship.
- The market was setup inside the temple in the **Gentes' Courtyard**, a place designated for nations to **worship** and **pray**.