

“I Will Rebuild It”

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

John 2:13-22

Introduction

As Nehemiah builds Jerusalem’s walls after the Babylonian exile

As we are building a mission plan after the Coronavirus Exile

Jesus rebuilds the temple of His body after His exile into death!

Christ’s Body as the True Temple of God

The Jerusalem temple: a physical place to meet the true presence of God

The inherent limitation of the physical temple: see **1 Kings 8:27-30**

Jesus is the true fulfillment of that which the temple was a sign

He is a physical place! **John 1:14**

The physical temple was meant to be temporary: **John 4:21**

God’s Name is there: **1 Kings 8:29 with John 8:58**

Ezekiel’s living water flows out from Him: **Ezekiel 47:1-12 w/ John 7:37,38**

God in Jesus: **John 10:30, 14:9, 17:21**

The Trinity is the temple in the new creation: **Revelation 21:22**

Understanding Jesus Cleansing the Temple: 2:13-18

The Jerusalem Temple was an emblem of Jesus Himself

This explains why “zeal for God’s house consumed” Jesus (**Psalm 69:9**)

The real thing with substance has authority over its shadow: **Hebrews 8:5**

This explains why Jesus answers the question about authority to act as He did

He claims to be the true temple and He offers the proof of His claim

The Temple Body of Jesus that Was Raised Up

⇒ Firstfruits: **1 Corinthians 15:20**

The new creation has already begun!

⇒ An eternal body: a statement on the glory of the body and matter: **Romans**

6:9

Glorifying God in our bodies now! **1 Corinthians 6:19**

- ⇒ Continuity and discontinuity with His old body: **John 20:27; John 20:15; John 21:12**
 - Scars and yet hard to recognize at first blush
 - ⇒ A powerful and agile body: **Luke 24:31, 36,51**
 - A “spiritual body”, marked by honor and power! **1 Corinthians 15:44**
 - ⇒ A body for a purpose
 - Reigning, not retirement! **Revelation 22:4**
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