

## ***Destroy This Sanctuary (John 2:13-25)***

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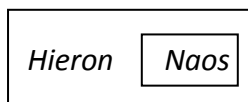
### **INTRODUCTION:**

### **CHRONOLOGY:**

Verse 20 (properly translated) shows that this is A.D. 30

*This sanctuary [naos] has been built forty-six years.*

C. John uses *hieron* for the entire complex, but uses *naos* for the Holy Place/Holy of Holies. The *Living Water* uses *temple courts* for *hieron* and *sanctuary* for *naos*.



D. Josephus *Ant.* 15.10.3 says the sanctuary was completed in 18/17 B.C. (18/17 B.C. + 46 = A.D. 29/30).

### **As Passover approached, Jesus went to Jerusalem (2:13)**

Passover = Apr 7. Feast of Unleavened Bread = Apr 8-14. John 2:23 suggests Jesus was in Jerusalem all eight days (Apr 7-14); He left Jerusalem at John 3:22.

John 2:13–3:21 (in Jerusalem at the feast)  
April 7 ----- April 14

### **Jesus drove traders out of the court of the Gentiles (2:14-15) 2**

Mk 11:17 (2nd temple cleansing) shows this is Gentile court

### **Jesus rebuked the sellers of doves for making the Father's house a house of merchandise (2:16)**

### **His disciples recalled Psalm 69:9 Zeal for the Father's house will consume Him (2:17)**

John alludes to this psalm often:

John 15:25 and Psalm 69:4

John 7:3-5 and Psalm 69:8

John 2:17 and Psalm 69:9

John 19:28-30 and Psalm 69:21

**Judeans demanded that Jesus show a sign, proving His authority to cleanse the temple (2:18)**

He was already doing signs at the feast (2:23; 3:2)

**The sign ultimately proving His Messianic authority is: *Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will rebuild it.* (2:19)**

**Judeans objected that a building that has stood 46 years could not be rebuilt in three days (2:20)**

Corrected translation: *This sanctuary has been built 46 years.*

**Jesus spoke of the sanctuary of His body (2:21)**

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**After Jesus was raised from the dead, His disciples believed this word and the Scripture (2:22) 4**

**Many believed in Jesus when they saw His signs (2:23)**

**Jesus did not entrust Himself to them [for ministry: because they were brand new believers] (2:24)**

Signs were a legitimate basis for faith (cf. 20:30-31)

Belief in His name describes a sufficient content of faith (cf. 1:12 and 3:18)

These people possessed everlasting life

**CONCLUSION**