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“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

The Gospel of  
**JOHN**  
“Come and See”

John 2:12-21  
March 20, 2022  
Consuming Zeal

## John 2

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

Deuteronomy 16:1  
Observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night. <sup>2</sup> And you shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the LORD your God, from the flock or the herd, at the place that the LORD will choose, to make his name dwell there.

Why:  
Exodus Passover

Where:  
The Temple

What:  
Celebrating Passover :  
the Exodus from Egypt

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## Temple

God’s Localized Presence

An Inclusive Holy Place of Worship

Temple Mount – 150,000 meters<sup>2</sup>



## Luke 2

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.

Pilgrimage for Prayer and Worship

Animal Sacrifice

Financial Sacrifice

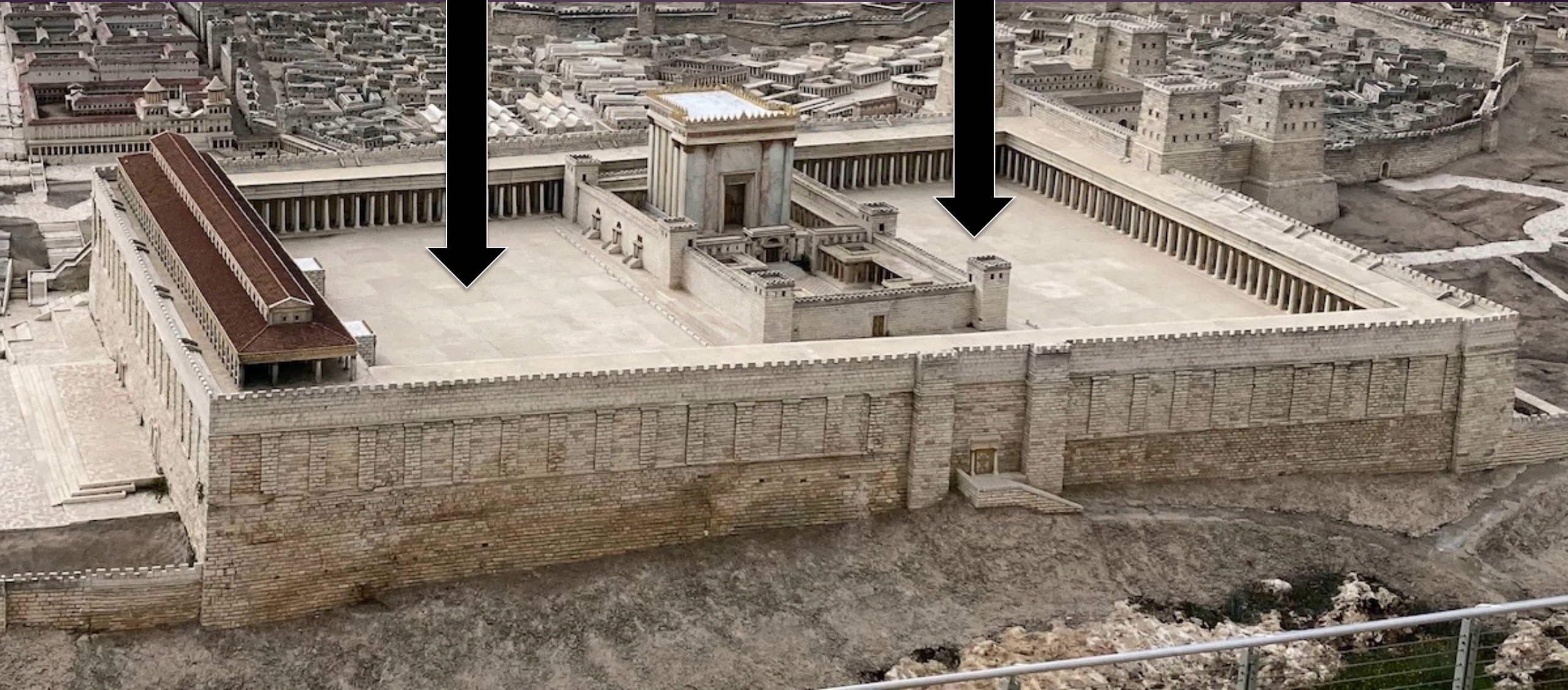
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Not WHAT they were doing,  
but WHERE they were doing it

A place of worship turned  
into noisy “emporium”



# Court of Gentiles



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“Drove them all out”

“Poured out the coins”

“Overturned their tables”

Jews:

Belief = Behavior

Greeks:

Belief ≠ Behavior

“Zeal for your house will consume me”

## Remez

Quoting something to take you back to that situation, defining the present situation with a fuller context.



## Psalm 69:7–12

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that dishonor has covered my face.

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an alien to my mother's sons.

<sup>9</sup> For zeal for your house has consumed me,  
***and the reproaches of those who reproach you  
have fallen on me.***

<sup>10</sup> When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting,  
it became my reproach.

<sup>11</sup> When I made sackcloth my clothing,  
I became a byword to them.

<sup>12</sup> I am the talk of those who sit in the gate,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.

## King David

David faced  
persecution  
because he was  
committed to the  
Lord, as seen in  
the Temple, the  
place of truth and  
communal  
worship.

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King Jesus

Reproach

Dishonor

Stranger

Wept

Mourned

Mocked

“Consumed”

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### Romans 15

<sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

# Jesus' Zeal Today

## 1 Corinthians 3

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him.

***For God's temple is holy, and you (plural) are that temple.***

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of Grace Brevard

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of My Heart

The level of my zeal correlates  
with the level of value and love  
I have for that thing.

What am I most zealous about?

# Jesus' Consuming Zeal

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



# Jesus' Consuming Zeal

## 1 Corinthians 15

<sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

*“Death is **swallowed up** in victory.”*

<sup>55</sup> *“O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”*

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.





## Matthew 26

<sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.