

John #12

2:12-22

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**“I Will Raise”**

Intro: Thus far in our study of the Gospel of John, we've spent 10 weeks in the first chapter where we considered the testimonies of seven who bore a first-hand \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ of the man, Jesus of Nazareth; and, each one consistently and in agreement with one another, testified of the Deity of \_\_\_\_\_, that He is the one and only God-man, the Son of God, God \_\_\_\_\_ Himself.

A. In this passage, the Beloved presents additional evidence that further reveals the truth of who \_\_\_\_\_. We will read of the supernatural Authority of Jesus and His fulfillment of Scripture; and, of the Prophecy and Power of Jesus; all of which openly shows that Jesus is the Christ.

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I. “\_\_\_\_\_ up to Jerusalem” to present Himself and celebrate the Passover.

A. When our \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ at the temple, He found that those who were selling animals for sacrifice and changing money for the tax were exploiting the people. Beyond that, such activity, even if legitimate, should have taken place outside the temple area.

II. Jesus acted with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the temple area of the evil doers.

A. The Son of God has come to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ who can then truly be the temple of God. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! And, in symbolic display of this truth, at the very beginning and very end of His earthly ministry He acted with \_\_\_\_\_ in cleansing the temple of God.

1. In this scene we see an act:

a. of unexplainable supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ that testifies to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ!

b. that \_\_\_\_\_ O.T. \_\_\_\_\_ in part (which points to Jesus as being the One who will fulfill the prophecy in full at a future time).

c. by which the disciples saw with what \_\_\_\_\_ and authority Jesus cleansed His Father's House, and they remembered the Scripture, Psalm 69:9a which says, “For zeal for Thy house has consumed me, ...”. They saw that Jesus was consumed with zeal for the purity of worship before the Holy God, further confirming that \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_\_ One!

III. Instead of understanding as the disciples did, that Christ's zeal in single-handedly clearing the temple was a miraculous sign of His Messianic authority and a fulfillment of Scripture, the Jews \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus by telling Him that He needed to show them a \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Jesus answered their challenge with a challenge! Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_!"

1. At His challenge they could do nothing for He answered them saying that \_\_\_\_\_ show them a sign, but if they wanted to see His sign they would have to destroy the temple. And, as they understood Him, they were not about to destroy their temple to see if He could \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ in three days!

B. But, as John the Beloved revealed, Jesus wasn't talking about the stone temple buildings, but "He was speaking of the temple of \_\_\_\_\_." And it is that very sign that Jesus would give them and His disciples, and has given us. It is the greatest of all signs, for they did destroy the temple of His body, and in three days \_\_\_\_\_ it up!

1. It was that very \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus would give them and His disciples, and has \_\_\_\_\_ us. It is the greatest of all signs, for they did destroy the temple of His body, and by the resurrection power of God, in three days \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead!

**Closing:** Dear church, when Jesus raised from the dead, His disciples remembered the events of our text and the words of our LORD, and they believed! See, my family, how loving and careful the Lord was to give His disciples convincing proof, His very own words of prophecy and by what divine power He fulfilled His prophecy? And see now, what convincing \_\_\_\_\_ our careful and loving Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ through this Gospel?

What will you do with this undeniable evidence? Will you scoff at His claim like the Jewish authorities did when He told them of the sign He would give? Will you reject the truth that by the divine power of God \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead and even now is seated at the right of God the Father in the heavens? Will you reject the witness of the seven eye-witnesses who as one testified to the Deity of Jesus and gave their very lives for it? Or will you believe what is written - this Holy Scripture? Dear ones, \_\_\_\_\_ the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken.

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