

G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to John 2:13-16, 18-22

Jesus went up to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of the Passover. Inside the temple, he saw people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons. And there were others changing money for the people. Jesus made a long whip and chased the cattle and the sheep out of the temple. He also knocked over the money tables, spilling the coins on the ground. He said to those who were selling pigeons, 'Get them out of here! Stop using God's house as a marketplace!'

The Jews who were there, said to Jesus, 'What gives you the right to do this? What sign can you give us?'

Jesus answered them, 'Tear down this temple, and I will raise it up in three days!'

The Jews said, 'It took us forty-six years to build this temple! And you think you can raise it up in three days?'

But the temple Jesus was talking about was his own body. And later when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he said this and they believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Passover was an important Jewish feast. It recalled when Moses led the Jewish people out of slavery in Egypt.

Remember - nothing is impossible with God!

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CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

Today's Gospel talks about how different God and people see the world. When Jesus arrived, at the temple, all He saw were people selling and buying things. They were only thinking about what they needed right away.

Jesus wants us to think about things that last much longer. He tells people that He can raise the temple in three days. Now Jesus wasn't talking about a temple building but the temple of His Body. God sees each of our bodies as temples too - a very special gift for us to please God.

God wants us to use our temples (our bodies) not to buy and sell things, but to look at the things that last. Friendship, love and peace - things that God gives us, and things that last forever.

WHAT IS BETTER?

Look at the activities below and circle the one that lasts forever.



Being Friends



Watching TV



Playing soccer



Praying



Going to Church



Going to the Mall



Sharing test answers



Sharing toys