

Jesus

Are You Ready to Trust in His Name?

John 2:18-25

So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”

But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 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.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

The disciples trusted in
the Word of God.

“They believed the Scripture”(22)

So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the
Word of God. Rom 10:17 (KJV)

What sign do you show us for doing these things?
Will a miracle really change their hard heart?

Though He had done so many signs before them, they
still did not believe in Him.

Jn. 12:37

An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no
sign will be given to it except for the sign of the prophet
Jonah.

For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the
belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three
days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matt. 12:39-40

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple and in three
days I will raise it up. (19)

I will build another not made with hands. Mk 14:58

The Jews then said, “It has taken 46 yrs. to build this temple, and will you raise it up in 3 days?”

(20)

- Solomon’s temple destroyed by Babylon (It took 7 ½ yrs. To build.)

- Zerubbabel’s temple defiled by Antiochus Epiphanes

- Herod temple destroyed by Titus in 70 A.D.

But He was speaking about the temple of His body.

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When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this and they believed the Scripture. (22a)

Death and Resurrection
in the Old Testament

- Abraham ready to offer up his son. (Heb. 11:17-19)

- Joseph- thought to be dead but alive!

- David writes – “You will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let your Holy One see corruption.” (Ps. 16:10-11)

- Ezekiel writes – “Dead bones will come alive.”

- Daniel writes – “Those who sleep...shall awake ... some to everlasting life.. (12:2)

- Jonah’s life illustrates – death and resurrection.

Resurrection – For believers, the Resurrection places a confirming stamp on Jesus’ life and works. It is not just

one of many miracles of Jesus. Instead, it is the key to understanding God's plan; it is the central foundational fact of Christianity. As Paul put it, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." 1 Cor. 15:14

Whenever we are troubled about what Jesus said or did, it usually indicates that we have drifted from our understanding of His resurrection. With the Resurrection settled, the rest of the record seems possible; but doubting the Resurrection makes the rest improbable. Do you accept His credentials as the risen Lord?

2.The disciples trusted in the Words of Jesus

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They believed... the word that Jesus had spoken (22)

- Jesus taught with authority –

Mk. 1:27; Matt. 7:29

- Jesus taught with "gracious words" – Lk. 4:22

- Jesus taught with words of eternal life – Jn. 6:48

- Jesus taught life-changing words – Jn. 8:32

- Jesus taught words consistent with how He lived. Jn. 8:29-30

- Jesus taught prophetic words that came true. Jn. 2:22

3. The disciples trusted in the name of Jesus.

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast.
(23)

Many believed in His name

- . Trusted His character
- . Trusted His claims
- . Trusted His communication
- . Trusted His consistency

When they saw the signs that He was doing

- . His life backed up His words
- . His compassion backed up His words
- . His authority backed up His words
- . His miracles backed up His words

But Jesus did not put

His trust in man.

But Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to them
because He knew all people. (24)

. He did not trust in their words or claim to believe.

. Even demons “believe”

(James 2:19)

.“The heart of man is deceitful” (Jer.17:9)

.“He did not put Himself in their hands” (Tyndale

commentary)

."He had no faith in their faith."

(Godet commentary)

... and needed no one to bear witness about man... (25)

. He wasn't naïve needing
a reality check. (caught up with the emotion of the
moment.)

. He wasn't uninformed needing education.

. He wasn't inexperienced needing life experience.

... for He Himself knew
what was in man (25)

. As God, He knows your past

Jn. 4:29

. As God, He knows your heart

1 Sam. 16:7

. As God, He knows your motives

Mt. 9:4

. As God, He knows your true intent

Deut. 31:21

"Saving" Faith?

. Truth known

- . Heart given
- . Will surrendered

Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved .

Rom. 10:9-10

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:7

His Name is...

Glorious - that you may fear this glorious and awesome name. Deut. 28:58

His Name is...

Excellent – O Lord our Lord, How excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

Psalm 8:1 (KJV)

His Name is...

Exalted – O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together.

Psalm 34:3

His Name is...

A strong tower – The name of the Lord is a strong tower.

Prov. 18:10

His Name is...

Everlasting - ... our redeemer, Thy name is from everlasting.

Isa. 63:16 (KJV)

His Name is...

Hallowed – Hallowed by Your name. Matt. 6:9

His Name is...

Above every name –

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. Phil 2:9

His Name is...

Above every name –

And here is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12