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John 2:18-22
Give us a Sign

1. The Question (John 2:18)

- a. Admission that what Jesus did was right on the basis of their question

- b. Assumption that when the Messiah comes, he will work through the accepted channels of the religious system

- c. Attitude behind the demand for a sign. Matthew 12:38-40; 16:1-4; Mark 11:17; John 6:30; 1 Cor 1:22

2. The Answer (John 2:19-21)

a. Jesus's answer puzzles the Jewish leaders (vv. 19-20)
John 10:17-18

b. Biblical theology of the Temple (v 21) John 1:14, 18;
John 4:20-26; Matt 12:6; Eph 2:21; 1 Cor 3:16; 1 Cor
6:19

3. The Result (John 2: 22)

a. Jesus can only be understood by the Scriptures. Luke 16:19-31

b. Jesus can only be understood by the Scriptures if you are born again. John 5:40-42; 1 Cor 2:14

c. Jesus can only be understood by Scriptures when you are taught by the Holy Spirit. Luke 24:13-22; John 14:2; John 6:45

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you asked God for a sign? What happened and what you learned from it? Would you do it again? Why or why not?
2. The Jews asked for a sign in John 2:18...what does it show us about their condition? What do we learn from it by looking at Matt 16:1; Mark 8:11-12; Luke 11:15-16; and 1 Cor 1:22
3. In verse 19, Jesus says that the OT building was always pointing to Him...How can Christians today forget this and so treat other places or people as the temple?
4. Based on John 2:22, Have you experienced a spiritual truth that was hazy at first but over time it became clearer? Discuss?