

Sermon Outline

DESTROY THIS TEMPLE / YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN ... | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: John 2:13-25 and John 3:1-21 (page. 1511)

Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ...

Jn 1:29 "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"

Jn 2:11 The first of the signs through which He revealed His glory ...

1. "What sign can you show us?" (2:13-22)

The significance of the Temple for the Jews

His signs point to His identity

Jn 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

"Destroy this temple and I will raise it again in 3 days ..."

The disciples understand (but only later ...)

2. But still, His "hour has not yet come" (2:23-25)

v23: "They believed in His name"

v24: "Jesus would not entrust himself to them" [lit. "Jesus did not believe them"]

Jn 2:4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

3. Come into the light ... (3:1-21)

(vv1-2) Nicodemus came to Jesus **at night** ...

(vv3-8) "No-one can see the Kingdom of God unless they are born again"

Jn 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

"born of water and the **S**pirit"

(vv10-22) **How** you can be "born again" ...

i. The Son of Man "came from heaven" (so He knows the way back)

Jn 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

ii. The Son of Man must be "lifted up"

Numbers 12

universalism = everyone will be saved

exclusivism = we can only be saved through Jesus

light in darkness

Jn 19:38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. 39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night.

So what, for us?

Q. **Why** does God do all this for us?