

John 2:19~ In answer Jesus said to them; **Break down this temple,¹ and in three days I will raise it up.**

Footnote: Or, divine habitation (dwelling) Greek, *na-on'*; Latin, *tem'plum*; J17, 18, 22(Hebrew), *ha-heh-khal' haz-zeh'*, this palace (temple)

1· In reply he only said to them; **Break down this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.** Now he was referring to the temple of his own body, which they would eventually break down, and which he would raise up after three days.

[Question] What did Jesus then state in response, and what temple was he really speaking about then, as the only sign that they would see?

2· And **said**; This man **said**, I am able to throw **down** the **temple** of God, and build it up in **three days.** (**Matthew 26:61**)

[Question] What did men later accuse Jesus of saying, though he did not refer to the physical temple in Jerusalem?

3· And saying; **O you would-be thrower-down of the temple and builder of it in three days, save yourself! If you are a son of God, come down off the torture stake!** (**Matthew 27:40**)

[Question] What did they mockingly say to Jesus, as he hung on the torture stake?

4· We heard him say; **I will throw down this temple that was made with hands and in three days I will build another not made with hands.** (**Mark 14:58**)

[Question] What had these men mistaken his words to mean, and what did Jesus actually mean?

[Question] Were not he men mocking Jesus' words, the ones that were actually fulfilling them?

5· **But I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.** (**Matthew 12:6**)

[Question] Was Jesus something greater than the temple?

6· **Saying; Sir, we have called to mind that that impostor said while yet alive; After three days I am to be raised up.**

(Matthew 27:63)

[Question] What did the religious leaders call to Pilate's attention after Jesus' death, that he had earlier said, showing that they did get the right understanding of his words, but still used them against him?

- 7· **No man has taken it away from me, but I surrender it of my own initiative. I have authority to surrender it, and I have authority to receive it again. The commandment on this I received from my Father. (John 10:18)**

[Question] Who willingly surrendered his soul in mankind's behalf?