John 2:20~ Therefore the Jews said; This temple was built in forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?

1. Yet the men he was addressing, mistook what he was saying thinking that he was speaking about the temple buildings. So they remarked incredulously, that the existing temple built by Herod the Great, had taken forty-six years to construct, and would he raise it up again in just three days?
[Question] What did the men listening to Jesus mistake his words to mean, and so how did they retort?
