

Hello,

Jesus is constantly changing people's understanding of how to worship God, and in this Gospel he changes the "location" of worship from the Temple in Jerusalem to the "Temple" which is Jesus' own body. Thanks be to God, this means we can all have access to the true Temple from all over the world through Jesus' gift of the Eucharist.

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Hans" followed by a stylized flourish.

Fr. Hans

March 7th — The Third Sunday of Lent

John 2:13–25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What

sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?”

But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Questions for Reflection:

- Does Jesus get angry? Is it ok for Jesus to be angry?
- Am I zealous for the House of God?
- What signs do I look for from Jesus?
- What does it mean that “Jesus would not trust himself to them”?