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What is a "Sign?"

- Miracles (*dunamis*) versus Signs (*semeion*)
 - Is there a difference?
 - Why the distinction in John?
- Key verses in John
 - 6:26 "You seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled."
 - 12:37 "But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing Him."
 - John 20:31

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- First century Jewish weddings
 - Lavish, multiple days, lots of guests (Matthew 22)
 - Running out of wine was considered disgraceful
- Discussion with Mary
 - "What does that have to do with us?" (NASB)
 - Literally "What to me and to you?"
 - Jesus and Mary have nothing in common here
 - "My hour has not yet come"
 - "Whatever He says to you, do it."

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 - Water jars intended for purification (cf. Mark 7:1-4)
 - Wine symbolic of joy/blessings from God in OT
 - First century Israel out of favor with God
 - Prophetic symbols: God restoring/dwelling with the people
 - Isaiah 25:6; Joel 3:17-18; Amos 9:13-15
- What could this sign be reflecting?
 - No more ceremonial washing; cleansing through Lamb
 - Wine has run out; Jesus has restored it abundantly
 - Wine (blessings) superior to anything prior

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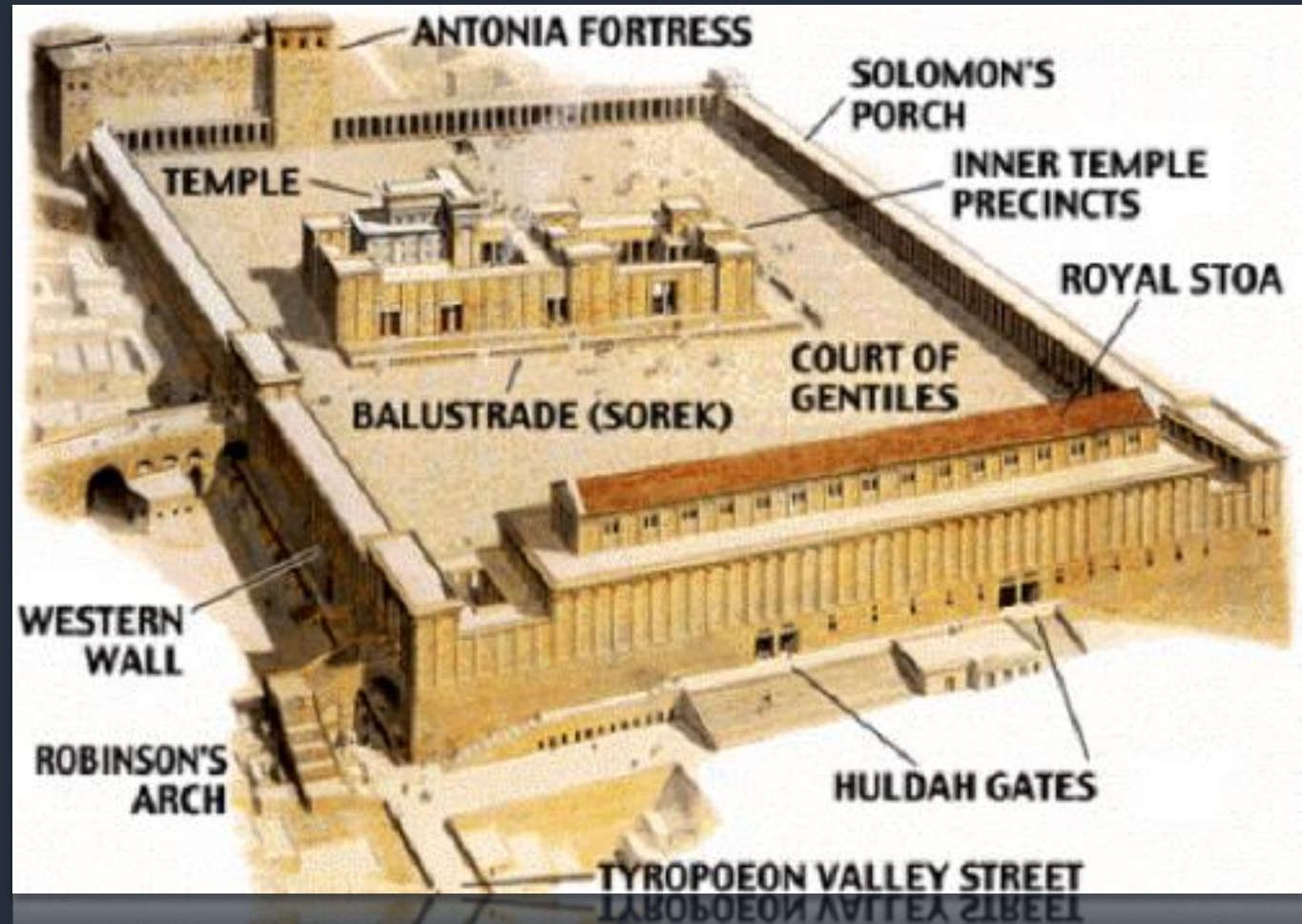
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- Context
 - Jews to come to Jerusalem for Passover (Deut 16:1-8)
 - Required to make sacrifices
 - Required to pay temple tax (Exodus 30:13-14)
 - Could not be in Roman coin (pagan symbols)
 - Roman coin must be changed to Tyrian coin
 - Temple rulers becoming extremely wealthy from trade

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Jesus' Response

- What was the Problem (v.16)?
 - Matt 21:13; Mark 11:17, quoting Isaiah 56:6-7
 - Zechariah 14:21 "There shall no longer be traders in the House of the Lord of Hosts on that day"
 - Malachi 3:1-3
 - Jesus cleansing the temple (of leaven)?
- Applications for today?
 - Lazy, convenient worship vs. sacrificial worship
 - Corruption within the house of God

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Disciples' Response to Jesus

- Remembered Psalm 69:9
 - David speaking of hostility he is enduring (verses 7-8)
 - David speaks of present/past ("have consumed me")
 - John foretells of Jesus future death ("will consume me")

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"Destroy This Temple"

- Who do you think you are?
 - By what authority do you do these things?
- "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
 - What is Jesus drawing their attention to?
 - What significance did the temple have for the Jews?
 - Dwelling place of God
 - Ark represented where atonement was made
 - Ten Commandments represented the Law
 - Aaron's rod represented miracles of deliverance
 - Manna represented God's provision and blessings
 - Not merely cleansing, but replacing the temple

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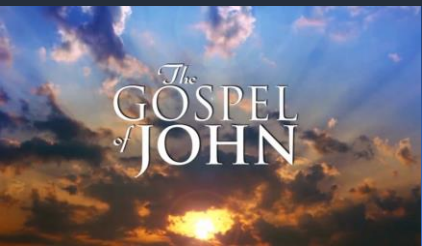
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- Disciples Believed the Scripture and words of Jesus (v22)
- Many Believed (v23)
 - Did these "many" necessarily understand the signs?
 - What did they believe?



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