



## Gospel of John 1-12

### Signs of Life

Even with modern GPS, being able to read a map and road signs are often needed to get where we are going. We discover when we read the Bible that there are many signs that help us to understand God's message.

**What are your 'signs' of life—what is your destination?**

#### A. Destination *John 2:12-13* -----

**1. Up to Jerusalem:** No matter where you were *coming from* you always *went 'up'* to Jerusalem. For the Jews, Jerusalem represented the house of God—the city of David the city of 'shalom' or peace.

**What about me?** Do you have a sense of direction/destination—growing in your faith—moving toward a specific spiritual goal?

#### B. Determination *John 2:14-17* -----

**1. Situations that determines action:** [14] Jesus found the court of the Gentiles had turned into a market place. Before Caiaphas this market was outside of the Temple.

**2. Passion as a motivator:** With only a whip, Jesus cleaned out the entire market place from the Temple. The disciples credit His motivation for this from Psalm 69:9. Accordingly His passion was for the Holiness of God His Father—and the Temple.

**What about me?** What motivates you to action? Starving children, the abused, the poor? Deception, injustice, crime? Do you have a zeal or passion for something? What is it?

#### C. Destiny *John 2:18-22* -----

**1. Action and reaction:** Jesus 'action' carried an air of authority so much so that the Jewish leadership did not arrest Him but 'reacted' and asked Him for a 'sign' to prove His authority—His destiny as the savior of mankind!

**2. The sign:** [19] Jesus does not 'do' a miracle/sign but tells them that the sign is in the future—His resurrection. John uses 'misunderstanding' as a literary device—Jesus statement was 'misunderstood' by the Jews and the disciples. These 'misunderstandings' (there are 30 of them in John) serve to advance our curiosity and are ultimately removed with time.

**What about me?** What is your destiny? What would you 'restore' (raise up) if you lost it? What is your 'reaction' to those who 'react' to your 'actions'?

#### D. Decision *John 2:23-25* -----

**1. Seeing is believing:** As it turns out—Jesus did many miracle/signs while He was at the Passover. And many believed in His name as a result. However—it appears that their belief fell short of salvation. How is that possible?

**2. 'Seeking faith' and 'Saving faith:** Jesus not criticize these 'seekers' as any move towards full saving faith is good. Saving faith is based on belief in the finished work of Christ on the cross.

**What about me?** What are the decisions you are making right now that will determine your destiny?

Have you discovered the 'signs of life' in His Word?

**"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."** *John 14:6*

### John 2:12-25 (NKJV)

**12** After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

**13** Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

**14** And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business.

**15** When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

**16** And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

**17** Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

**18** So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

**19** Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

**20** Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

**21** But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

**22** Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

**23** Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

**24** But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men,

**25** and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.