



## What Sign Do You Show Us?

John 2:18-22  
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### I. The Demanding Question (v. 18)

- A. In one sense, this is a \_\_\_\_\_ question
- B. In another sense, there is \_\_\_\_\_ unbelief
- C. An \_\_\_\_\_ and adulterous generation seeks for a sign (Matt. 12:38-41)

### II. The Veiled Answer (v. 19)

- A. False witnesses accused Jesus of saying \_\_\_\_\_ would destroy the temple (Mk. 14:58; 15:29)
- B. Jesus actually said, “[\_\_\_\_\_] destroy this temple” - an imperative command (Jn 13:27)
- C. If anyone destroys Christ’s body (\_\_\_\_\_ temple), then he also destroys the structure in Jerusalem (physical temple) - Mk. 13:1-2
- D. Like the parables this enigmatic statement judiciously \_\_\_\_\_ the truth from hostile unbelievers (Matt. 13:10-11)

### III. The Confused Response (v. 20)

- A. Confusion about what it means to be \_\_\_\_\_ again (Jn. 3:1-6)
- B. Confusion about Jesus being the \_\_\_\_\_ of life (Jn. 6:41-52)
- C. Confusion about Jesus being the \_\_\_\_\_ and the life (Jn. 11:11, 14-15, 23-26)

### IV. The Greatest Sign Ever Given (v. 21)

- A. Four clear \_\_\_\_\_ of the crucifixion and resurrection (Jn. 1:29; 2:19; 3:14; 12:24-25)
- B. If there was a sign \_\_\_\_\_ than this sign then this wouldn’t be the greatest sign

### V. The Redemptive Memory (v. 22)

- A. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the empty tomb the Jerusalem temple is obsolete (Jn. 4:21; Matt. 27:51)
- B. God used the \_\_\_\_\_ and the words of Christ as the divine revelation to bring believers into newness of life (Ps. 16:8-11; Acts 2:25-28)

### TAKE HOME

- Have you ever asked God to show you a \_\_\_\_\_?
- Have you ever wondered why Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to some but not to others?
- Have you ever felt like you needed more truth than the \_\_\_\_\_?

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Have you ever asked God for a sign? If so discuss what your goal was, what happened, and what you learned from it? Would you do it again? Why or why not?

2. Read John 2:18. When the Jews are asking Jesus for a sign, what does this show about their condition? What do we learn from looking at Matt. 16:1; Mk. 8:11-12; Lk. 11:15-16; 23:8; Jn. 6:30; and 1 Cor. 1:22?

3. Read Matt 12:38-41. What is the point that Jesus is making here?

4. Read John 2:19. Why do you think Jesus gave a veiled answer? What is He trying to accomplish? How did the Jews understand what Jesus said? What did Jesus mean by what He said? How is Matt. 13:10-11 similar?

5. Read John 2:20. The Jews were obviously confused about what Jesus was saying. What else were they confused about? (Jn. 3:1-6; 6:41-51; 11:11, 14-15, 23-26)

6. Read John 2:21. Now look at Jn. 1:29; 2:19; 3:14; and 12:24-25. How do all of these point to the greatest sign ever given? Why can’t there be a greater sign than the death and resurrection of Christ?

7. Read John 2:22. Have you ever experienced a spiritual truth that was veiled or cloudy at first but over time became more clear? Discuss it with the group.

8. Which one of the take home questions challenges you or encourages you the most? Why?

*“Often, during His ministry, the leaders asked Jesus to give them a sign; and He refused to do so, except for the sign of Jonah. The “sign of Jonah” is death, burial, and resurrection.”*

- Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*