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John 2:18 - *“Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?”*

- A. The Jews challenged the authority of Christ by asking for a sign (cf. **John 6:29-30**).
 - 1. Paul would later expose the fallacy of the Jews looking for signs (**I Corinthians 1:18-31**).
 - 2. An evil and adulterous generation seeks signs (**Matthew 12:38-42** and **Matthew 16:1-4**).
 - 3. If Jesus would have done many signs, He would only cause the fake religious leaders to be filled with greater indignation (**Acts 5:12-17**).
- B. The Jews simply did not want to see that the authority of Christ was from Heaven (**Mark 11:27-28**).
 - 1. Jesus knew He was to be rejected by that generation (**Luke 17:25**).
 - 2. Had they accepted that Jesus had authority from the Father, they would have condemned themselves. They were not honest enough to do that (**Matthew 21:23-27**).

John 2:19-21 - *“(19) Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. (20) Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? (21) But he spake of the temple of his body.”*

- A. They wanted a sign from Jesus, so He gives them one (cf. **Luke 11:29-32**).
 - 1. Jesus had taught His disciples that He would be raised from the dead after three days (**Mark 8:31**).
 - 2. The resurrection of Christ is a great sign seeing that it is a cornerstone of our faith (**I Corinthians 15:11-23**).
 - 3. He spoke of the temple being His body and such is a fitting statement seeing that in Him dwelleth the Godhead (**Colossians 1:19; 2:9**).
- B. The Jews later used their misunderstanding of Jesus’ statement as a charge and even a mockery against Him (**Matthew 26:57-61; 27:39-40**).
 - 1. The Jews often misunderstood the Lord (**Psalms 106:7** and **John 8:22-26**).
 - 2. The reason they misunderstood is because they were evil (**Proverbs 28:5**).

John 2:22 - *“When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.”*

- A. Jesus was raised from the dead, just as He foretold (**I Corinthians 15:4**).
 - 1. The fulfillment of prophecies is to confirm the truth (**Zechariah 1:4-6**).

2. Had Jesus not risen on the third day, He would have been a false prophet (**Deuteronomy 18:22**).
- B. His disciples remembered what Jesus said about His resurrection (**Luke 24:6-8**).
1. Their memory had to be jogged, for they were not looking for the resurrected Lord (**John 20:1-10**).
 2. The disciples really weren't fully convinced even after Jesus was resurrected as He foretold either (**Matthew 28:16-17**).

John 2:23-25 - *“(23) Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. (24) But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, (25) And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.”*

- A. The miracles that Jesus did proved His words were true (**Hebrews 2:2-4**).
1. Miracles existed to confirm the unwritten word (**Mark 16:15-20**).
 2. For those who did not want to believe, miracles did nothing to convince them to believe (**John 12:37-41**).
- B. Jesus knew what was in the hearts of men (**Matthew 9:4**, **Mark 2:8**, and **John 5:39-42**).
1. He knew that the faith of many was temporary (**John 6:59-71**).
 2. Jesus was/is not looking for part-time believers to be joined unto Him (**Luke 14:33** and **Colossians 3:1-4**).