

#### CLARIFYING THE CONCEPT OF CRAZY

People told his family what was happening. So they went to take him away with them. They thought that Jesus was crazy. John 3:21 EASY

Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." John 2:17 NKJV

If we are crazy, it is for God. If we have our right mind, it is for you. 2 Corinthians 5:13 ERV

"When the whole world is running towards a cliff, he who is running in the opposite direction appears to have lost his mind." **C. S. Lewis** 

#### • CLARIFYING THE CONCEPT OF TEMPLE

The Jews responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." <sup>20</sup> They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But <u>the</u> <u>temple he had spoken of was his body</u>. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. John 2:18 -22 NIV

The God who made the world and everything else in it is the Lord of heaven and earthy and does not live in temples built by hands..." Acts 17:24 NIV

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, <u>and you are that temple</u>. I Corinthians 3:16, 17 NIV

> 1 Corinthians 6:19 - 1 Corinthians 3:16 - 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 2 Corinthians 6:16 - Ephesians 2:19-22 - Ephesians 2:21-22 1 Peter 2:5 - 1 Corinthians 3:17 - 1 Peter 2:4-5

## IT DRIVES JESUS CRAZY ...

### 1. WHEN HIS TEMPLE (that's me) IS NOT PROPERLY MOTIVATED.

The time was near to celebrate the Passover, the festival commemorating when God rescued His children from slavery in Egypt, so Jesus went to Jerusalem for the celebration. John 2:1 VOICE

For it is Christ's love that fuels our passion and motivates us, because we are absolutely convinced that he has given his life for all of us. This means all died with him, <sup>15</sup> so that those who live should no longer live self-absorbed lives but lives that are poured out for him—the one who died for us and now lives again. **2 Corinthians 5:14, 15** TP

Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Romans 12:11a MP

# 2. WHEN HIS TEMPLE (that's me) IS NOT PURE.

Jesus made a whip out of ropes. He chased all the sheep and cattle from the temple. He scattered the coins of the people exchanging money. And he turned over their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling doves, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" John 2:15, 16 NIRV

How could she pour out this vast amount of fine oil? Why didn't she sell it? It is worth nearly a year's wages;<sup>[a]</sup> the money could have been given to the poor. <sup>6</sup> This had nothing to do with Judas's desire to help the poor. The truth is he served as the treasurer, and he helped himself to the money from the common pot at every opportunity. **John 12:5, 6** VOICE

... Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her <u>holy</u> cleansing her by the washing of the water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, <u>but holy and blameless</u> **Ephesians 5:25-27** 

### 3. WHEN HIS TEMPLE (that's me) IS NOT <u>PURPOSEFUL</u>.

Jesus refused to allow any to carry goods through the Temple courts. <sup>17</sup> Then he taught the people, saying, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'My Temple will be called <u>a house for prayer for people from all nations</u>.' But you are changing God's house into a 'hideout for robbers.'" **Mark 11:16, 17** NCV

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, <u>a holy nation</u>, a people for his own possession, <u>so that</u> you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **1 Peter 2:9-10** ESV