



# MY FATHER'S HOUSE

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- **Jesus' extreme response is entirely justified. Because of His great zeal for His Father's house (Psalm 69:9), He couldn't help but drive out the elements that made a mockery of the Temple worship. Such measures were expected of the Messiah (Malachi 3:1-4, Jeremiah 23:11-12).**



**Most people had come to accept the money-changers as an unfortunate reality. Exploitation, abuse, greed, and empty religion had become the norm. While Jesus seems extreme in His response, it left an impression on the people who witnessed His actions. We, too, shouldn't be afraid of taking extreme measures to combat sin (Matthew 5:29-30).**

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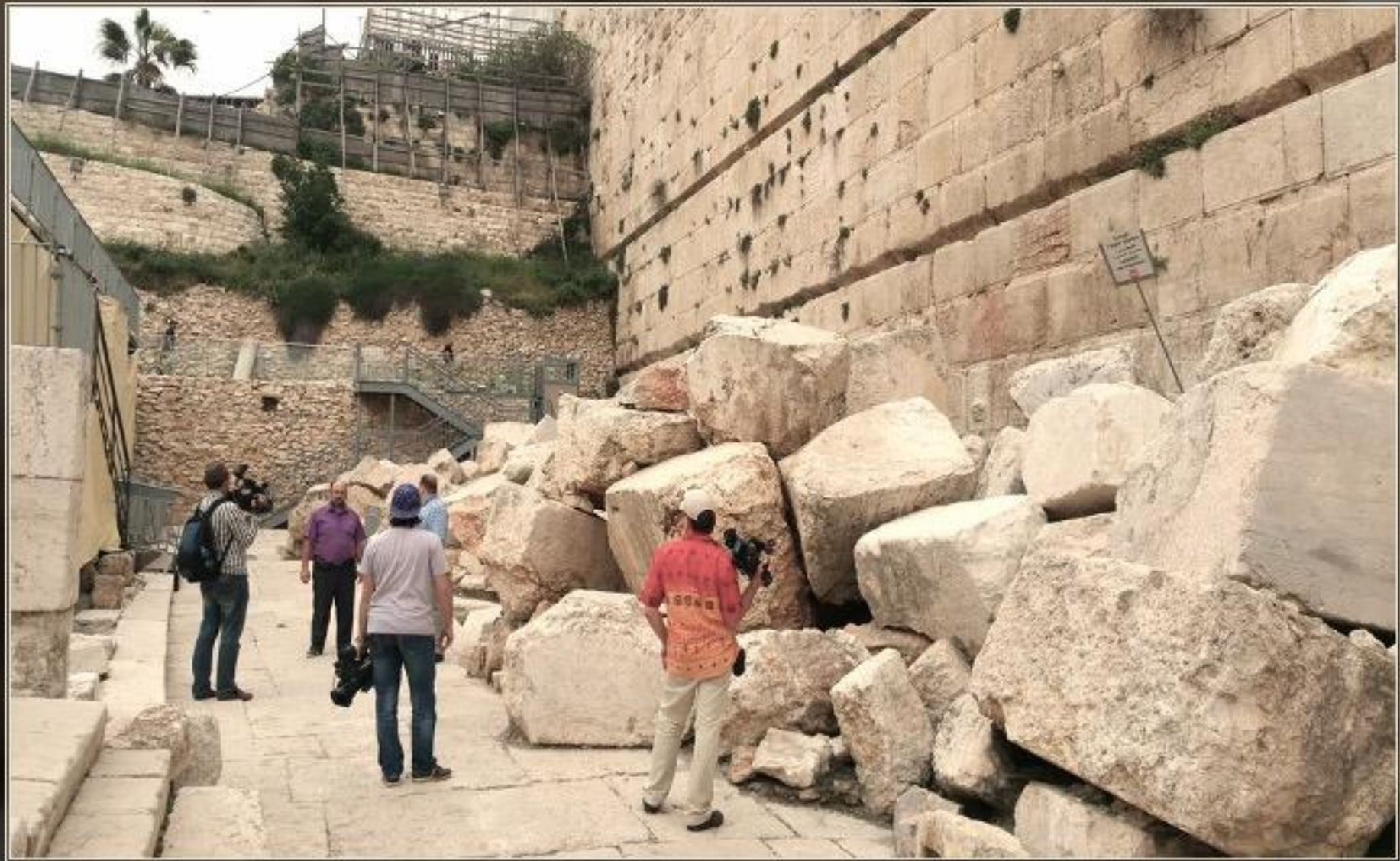
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- **The Temple was in an almost-constant state of construction and renovation (finally complete in 64 AD), so Jesus’ claim certainly seemed fantastic and unreasonable, at best.**





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A detailed 3D architectural model of the Temple in Jerusalem, showing the outer walls, courtyards, and the central sanctuary with a golden roof. The model is set against a background of a cityscape.

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- To all of our pride and arrogance, Jesus would say, “Tear it down and see what I can build in its place!”



# SEEKING A SIGN

**Matthew 12:38-40, 16:1-4**

A photograph of a stone wall, likely made of limestone or similar material, with a dark semi-transparent text overlay. The wall is composed of large, rectangular blocks of stone, some of which are slightly recessed or set back. There are some small plants growing in the crevices between the stones. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The text is white and bold, centered on the dark overlay.

**MATTHEW 21:12-13,  
MARK 11:15-18  
& LUKE 19:45-48**

# WHY TWICE?

**It's sad how little long-term impact Jesus' first time cleansing the Temple had. Three years later and the same rotten people have come out of the woodwork.**



**His claim was used as the basis for Jesus' execution (Matt. 26:59–68) and as a source of mockery (Matt. 27:39–40). The irony is that by crucifying Him, the chief priests were providing the means for Jesus to show the sign of His authority, power, and deity.**