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Mark 14:49, *“I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.”*

There are four scriptures in the New Testament that state that Jesus was daily in the temple. Besides the verse above there is a verse in Matthew and two verses in Luke. Jesus not only was out and about, but every day He went to the temple. Matthew 26:55, *“In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.”* Luke 22:53, *“When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”*

Not only was He in the temple, but He taught the people. Luke 19:47 states, *“And he taught daily in the temple.”*

The only event we know from Jesus’s life between His birth and public ministry is when He was twelve years old. In Luke 2 we are told that they had gone to Jerusalem. When departing Jerusalem His family could not find Him and they began to search. In Luke 2:46 we learn where Jesus was found, *“And it came to pass, that after three*

days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.”

Even as a child, Jesus’s interest was in the worship of God and being in the temple. As He reached adulthood and during His ministry, He was in the temple daily.

After the day of Pentecost the Apostles and others began to spread the gospel. Like Jesus, they were also in the temple daily. Acts 5:42, *“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”*

Though we do not have a temple today to visit daily, we are the temple of God. I Corinthians 3:16, *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”* We are also the temple of the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 6:19, *“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”*

Just as Jesus visited the temple daily and taught, we need to let Jesus teach us daily in our temple—ourselves. We let Jesus into our temple daily by our study, praying, and doing other righteous and spiritual things.

In John 8:59, they took up stones to cast at Jesus and He left the temple. *“Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”* If we are not careful, just as the hardness of the stones they were about to cast at Jesus caused Him to leave the temple, the hardness of our hearts can make Jesus leave us—the spiritual temple of God and the Holy Spirit.

Those in the time of Ezekiel had done the same. They lived in such a way that they drove the LORD away from His sanctuary. Ezekiel 8:6, *“He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou*

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, Brad Terry,** and **Enola Zigler** (aunt of Mike Burd). The nephew of Erin Davis, **Sean Barrett**, fell 18 feet from scaffolding and fell on his back while on a construction site. He suffered numerous broken bones. He is now home and doing much better. He lives in Nevada.

—Congratulations to Kerry & Vicki McDaniel on the birth of their grandson. **Briar Allen McDaniel** was born last Sunday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long. The parents are Curtis McDaniel and Tara Perkins of Uno.

—Congratulations to **Ethan Borton**, grandson of Larry Compton. He won first place in his weight class in an international weightlifting competition last weekend in Atlanta.

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what they do? [even] the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, [and] thou shalt see greater abominations."

They had done such abominable things in the house of God that He could no longer stay there. They had made images of their idols upon the walls. Ezekiel was taken to the gate of the LORD's house (Ezekiel 8:14) and women were weeping for the false god Tammuz.

In verse 16 we are told, "*And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, [were] about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.*" They literally turned their backs upon the temple and were worshiping the sun. The LORD brought great destruction upon them because of these sins.

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Sunday, September 22, 2019		
Classes	20	I Peter 1:20-25
Preaching	36	II Kings 5:1-14
Contribution	\$775.53	
Evening	13	Matthew 24:1-35
Wednesday, September 25, 2019		
Classes	17	II Chronicles 32:-133

Bible Quiz

What did Hezekiah stop in Gihon?

Last Week's Answer— The East (II Chronicles 31:14)

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Just as Jesus visited the temple daily and taught, let's make sure that Jesus visits our spiritual temples daily. Let Him come in and teach us from His word. Let's live in such a way that we do not drive Him out by the hardness of our hearts and turning our backs to the temple like those Ezekiel saw. When we do, we too will drive the LORD from His temple and from our lives.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)