

# Maranatha Mirror Message



## DESTROY THIS TEMPLE

It was supposed to be a House of Prayer for All Nations.  
But something went wrong.

Money had taken over in a big way.

But who is this madman...

driving out the animals with a whip,  
and toppling the tables of the money changers?  
Where did he come from?  
Where are the Temple Police?  
Why does no one stop him?



*The Jewish leaders then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?"  
Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."  
The Jewish leaders then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will  
you raise it up in three days?"*

*John 2:18-20*

This event marked the beginning of the end for the Temple at Jerusalem.

It foreshadowed the day when a new Temple would spread like a cloud of glory over the face of the earth.

*“Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”*

The Temple is the place where God makes his presence known.

You're looking for God?

Go to the Temple and seek.

God fills Infinity.

God is Eternity itself.

But God's voice is to be heard most clearly in his Temple.

And the Temple through which God had now begun to speak ...  
was this man from Nazareth.

Never since the Garden of Eden had the voice of God been heard so clearly.

Then one day they destroyed this Temple.

They nailed him to a cross and watched him die.

What they did not know was that this Temple could not be contained in a tomb.

On the third day he stepped out of that tomb as God's Final Temple on this earth.



The Final Temple began to expand.

It gathered in living souls like Peter and John and Mary Magdalene.

All who died to themselves and rose with Jesus to new life  
became part of God's Final Temple.

A man named Saul was a rising star in the old Temple. He thought he was doing the will of God as he dragged followers of Jesus off to prison, beatings and death. Saul was unaware that he was messing with God's Final Temple until, out of a blinding flash, he heard a voice.

*"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"*

*"Who are you, Lord?"*

*"I am Jesus whom you are persecuting."*

Saul had been persecuting Jesus' Body,  
this mysterious gathering of souls who live by the power of his resurrection.

The Body of Christ is God's Final Temple.

But what is the Body of Christ?

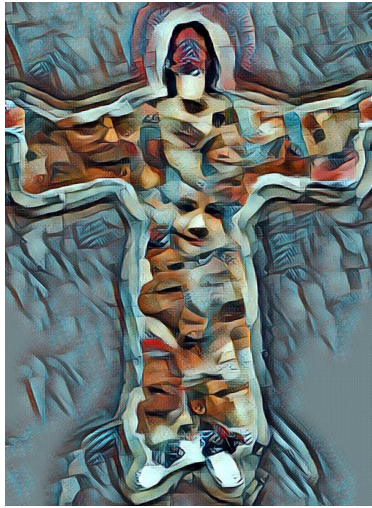
*The Body of Christ is not an institution.*

*The Body of Christ is not a hierarchy.*

*The Body of Christ has no clergy class.*

*The Body of Christ has only one head: Jesus himself.*

The Body of Christ exists...  
within  
beyond  
and in spite of  
all our institutional churches.



Only the Lord knows who is part of his Body and who is not.

*There is one body  
and one Spirit,  
just as you were called  
to the one hope  
that belongs to your call,  
one Lord,  
one faith,  
one baptism,  
one God and Father  
of us all,  
who is above all  
and through all and in all.*

**Ephesians 4:4-6**



The Body of Christ covers the earth like a cloud.

It spreads through our churches, convicting, unsettling, calling to repentance and giving hope, in the same way that Jesus once taught in the synagogues and the Temple of old.

Jesus, the head of the Body, continues to call us to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow him.

Jesus constantly reminds us that not everyone who says,

***“Lord, Lord” shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do the Father’s will.***

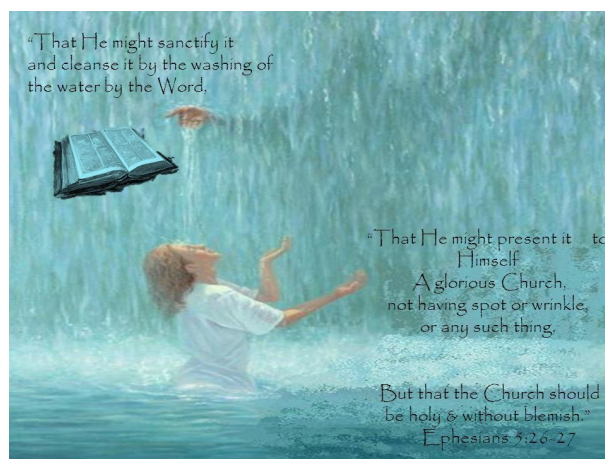
As the End draws near, the Spirit is preparing us for the hour when the Body of Christ will emerge from the confusion of Christendom as his true Bride.

The refining fires have already begun to burn among us.

It is time for us to be cleansed of all corruption, hypocrisy and deceit.

***That he might sanctify her,  
having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,  
that he might present the church to himself in splendor,  
without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,  
that she might be holy and without blemish.***

***Ephesians 5:26-27***



The same Jesus who cleansed the Temple in Jerusalem is now moving through the Final Temple with refining fire.

Judgment has begun at the household of God.

The Lord Jesus himself is doing it.

We are unable to cleanse the Body of Christ.

We are forbidden to try to separate the wheat from the tares.

We have neither the wisdom nor the power to prepare the Bride for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

The Lamb alone prepares his Bride.

As Jesus sends refining fire through his Body, our job is to wake up and repent before it's too late.

The Bride makes herself ready by laying aside her vanity garments and putting on the white garments of simple obedience to the Father's will.

*Then I heard what seemed to be  
the voice of a great multitude,  
like the sound of many waters  
and like the sound of mighty thunder peals,  
crying, "Hallelujah!  
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready;  
it was granted her to be clothed  
with fine linen, bright and pure" --  
for the fine linen  
is the righteous deeds of the saints.*

*Revelation 19:6-8*



### Prayer

Lord Jesus, in these last days, may your Body grow closer and be drawn into your Final Temple. As we live in your resurrection power, may your Temple raise up and spread over the face of the earth. Dear Lamb of God prepare us as your bride. Refine us. Cleanse us. Lord we lay aside our vanity garments, our judgments, our pettiness. May we clothe ourselves in righteous deeds because you, our Lamb, are worthy.

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