

§25: JESUS' MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM

John 2:23–25

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing.

24 But Jesus Himself was not entrusting Himself to them, because of His knowing all *men*,

25 and because He had no need that anyone should bear witness concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

Notes

1. In John 2:23–24 there is a word-play. The words “believed” (v. 23) and “entrusting” (v. 24) are the same verb used in different senses. Indeed, the basic idea of “believe” is “trust.”
 - a. What caused people to *trust* in Jesus?
 - b. What caused Jesus *not to entrust* Himself to people?
2. John emphasizes the idea of “signs” as attesting miracles throughout his gospel. Begin studying the idea of signs by looking at all of the passages in John in which the word “sign” is used:

2:11	4:54	7:31	12:37
2:18	6:2	9:16	20:30
2:23	6:14	10:41	
3:2	6:26	11:47	
4:48	6:30	12:18	