

Believe and Have Life


The Gospel of John

John 2:1-25

Read John 2:1-11.

1. Describe the setting (who, what, when, where, why?) given in verses 1-3.

2. What do you think Jesus means when he says “my time has not yet come” (v. 3)? (7:6-8; 12:23-27; 13:1)

3. Describe the jars and what they were used for. (v. 6; Mk. 7:1-4;  * Ex. 30:17-21)


4. What does the master of the banquet proclaim about the wine that Jesus abundantly provides? (v.10)

5. Jesus uses this opportunity to perform a mostly private miracle as an illustration to those closest to him. What is he revealing about Himself and His kingdom?


6. Why is it fitting that the beginning of Jesus’ ministry takes place at a wedding? (Rev. 19:7-9)

Read John 2:12-22.

7. Women and Gentiles, who were not permitted to enter the temple sanctuary, were limited to the temple courts. This is where they were to bring their tithes and sacrifices to worship God. What is happening in the temple courts? (v. 14)

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

8. How does Jesus tackle this problem? (vv. 15-16)

Why? (vv. 16b-17;  * Mal. 3:1-4)

9. What have you allowed into your life that distracts or even prevents you from worshiping God? Pray and ask Jesus to clear your temple for His glory.
10. According to the Old Testament, what was the meaning and purpose of the temple? (I Kings 8:10-11, 13, 17, 33-34, 41-43)

In light of what you've just learned about the temple, why is it significant that Jesus speaks of his body as the temple (v. 21)?

Read John 2:23-25.

11. What does John say is the purpose of "miraculous signs" (v. 23)? (v. 11; 14:11; 20:30-31)

12. In the three verses below, what caused people to believe in Jesus?

v. 11

v. 22

v. 23

13. As Jesus begins to gain popularity and move to a public ministry what is He unwilling to do? (v. 24)

Why? (vv. 24-25;  * Matt. 16:22-23)

14. Jesus "would not entrust himself to them" (v. 24). But, are you willing to entrust yourself to the Jesus you've learned about so far? Share with the group where your faith is growing as a result of our study.