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## Bible Study—Gospel of John—Chapter 2

### **John 2:1**

***And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there.***

The third day refers to the third day from the last day mentioned in John 1:43. To have walked from where John was baptizing to Cana would probably have taken three days. Cana was about four and half miles northwest of Nazareth. Jesus' mother was most likely related to the family holding the wedding or friends of the couple or friends of their parents.

### **John 2:2**

***And both Jesus was called and His disciples to the marriage.*** The text suggests that Jesus and His disciples were invited because of Mary.

### **John 2:3**

***And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.***

Once there was no more wine, Mary went to Jesus and told Him they had no more wine. She knew that Jesus could solve the problem.

### **John 2:4**

***Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come.***

The term woman in Greek is one of respect. Mine hour is not yet come refers to His

crucifixion hour. It was not yet time for Jesus to reveal His messiahship.

### **John 2:5**

***His mother saith unto servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.***

Jesus' mother most likely knew her Son would not allow the guest of honor to be shamed because they were out of wine. So she instructed the servants to do whatever He instructed them to do.

### **John 2:6**

***And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.***

Waterpots were normally for washing feet. Firkins were about nine gallons, so each pot held 18-27 gallons. Jewish tradition required several kinds of ceremonial washings. Strict Jews washed their hands before a meal, between courses, and after the meal. Because the roads were not paved people wore sandals, water was needed for foot washing.

### **John 2:7**

***Jesus saith unto them. Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.***

The servants followed the instructions Jesus gave them by filling the waterpots with water. Jesus could have made wine without the water, but this gives

us an example that we have to do something sometimes in order to receive from the Lord. They followed the instructions and Jesus gave the host and guest a blessing. Our obedience will not only bless us, but it will be a blessings to others.

### **John 2:8**

***And He saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.***

At a Jewish wedding, one of the guests served as a governor of the feast, similar to a master of ceremonies at a banquet. This person was responsible for seating the guests and the correct running of the feast. After the water was made into wine, Jesus instructed the servants to take it to the governor prior to giving it to the guest.

### **John 2:9**

***When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew); the governor of the feast called the bridegroom.***

The governor didn't know about the water being turned into wine, only the servants were aware of what had happened. After tasting the wine, the governor called the bridegroom. You would think since the governor was in charge of the feast he would have known

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they had ran and out wine and what he was tasting was a miracle. Usually those in charge is aware of what's going on, but it appears he didn't. **I**

### **John 2:10**

**And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.**

Usually the better wine was served first. Then after the guest palates were dulled they would set out the wine that was less tasteful. or awhile.

### **John 2:11**

**This is beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory, and His disciples believed on Him.**

Jesus' miracles always had a purpose, this miracle resulted in the manifestation of His glory and His disciples believed in Him for they knew that it was He that turned the water into wine. In the Gospel of John the miracles of Jesus are called signs, indicating that they pointed to His Messiahship, Signified Jesus' glory was showing a indication of His deity. The transformation of the water being turned into wine demonstrated His power.

### **John 2:12**

**After this He went down to Capernaum, He, and His mother, and His brethren and His disciples: and they**

### **John 2:12—Continued**

**continued there not many days.** After the wedding feast, and Jesus turning the water in to wine, He and His disciples and mother went to Capernaum, but they didn't stay there long.

### **John 12:13**

**And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.**

Most likely this is the reason Jesus and His followers didn't stay at Capernaum long because He wanted to go to Jerusalem because of the Jews' Passover.

### **John 2:14**

**And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting.**

It was not the selling of the animals Jesus objected to, but where they were being sold, the same goes for the money changers. Those who was going to Jerusalem carried all sorts of currencies, but they brought no animals for sacrifices. Exchanges and purchases could be made at the temple.

### **John 2:15**

**And when He had made a scourge (whip) of small cords, He drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen: and poured out the changers' of money, and overthrew the tables.**

Jesus' actions was a sign of authority and judgment. The actions of those selling and purchasing was not reverencing the holiness of the temple.

### **John 2:15—Continued**

The temple was the place where the believers met with God in prayer. Just as Christians do today; they attend church to meet with the presence of God. It's a place that should be reverence and respected.

### **John 2:16**

**And said unto them that sold doves, *Take these things hence; make not My Father's house a house of merchandise.***

The cleansing of the temple was the first public presentation of Jesus to Israel. He presented Himself as Messiah. The Messiah's ministry began in the temple, He came to purify. Him saying the temple was His Father's house was a distinct claim to Messiahship, at the wedding in Cana He represented His deity and power, at the temple He was demonstrating His authority.

### **John 2:17**

**And His disciples remembered that it was written, *THE ZEAL OF THINE HOUSE HATH EATEN ME UP.***

Jesus' cleansing of the temple was a fulfillment of these words. Often when people hear prophecy they assume it will happen immediately. The Scripture quoted was taken from Psalm 69:9 which was written by King David thousands of years prior to Jesus' birth. Prophecy can be past, present and future. If the prophecy is from God it will be fulfilled. Rather than honoring God's house they were making it a place to sell merchandise.

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### John 2:18

***Then answered the Jews and said unto Him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things.***

The Jews apparently refers to the religious leaders of Israel who understood that Jesus was representing Himself as the Messiah, therefore, they asked for a sign. They had already received a sign in the Old Testament when Isaiah prophesied that a child would be born by a virgin. They had been given a sign when Jesus turned the water into wine. Jesus' Himself was a sign when He proclaimed to be the Messiah. During that dispensation anyone proclaiming to be God would be stoned. Anyone in their right mind wouldn't have claim they were the Messiah if they were not.

### John 2:19

***Jesus answered and said unto them. Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.***

Jesus was not talking about the physical building; He was referring to His body. He also was speaking of His death and resurrection. The sign Jesus gave them was the sign of His death and resurrection on the third day.

### John 2:20

***Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?***

Herod the Great began restoring the temple in 20 B.C. The works was not finished at the time of this conversation. They were still focusing on the physical building and they knew no one would be able to destroy it.

### John 2:21

***But He spake of the temple of His body.***

Because the Jewish leaders didn't accept Jesus as being the Messiah they were not thinking about His body.

### John 2:22

***When therefore He was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.***

The disciples understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but they didn't understand that He was speaking of the resurrection of His body until it actually happened. Although they were walking and talking with Jesus, they didn't fully understand when He taught them about His death and resurrection.

### John 2:23

***Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in His name, when they saw the miracles which He did.***

Many believed Jesus was who He claimed to be after they saw the miracles He performed. If they had not seen the miracles they too may not have believed that He was the Messiah. Many followed Him because of the miracles and not for who He was.

### John 2:24

***But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men.***

Jesus did not entrust Himself to them because He knew those who would follow Him and those that would fall away. Just as He knew those that were following Him during that dispensation, He also knows those that are following Him during this dispensation. Many call themselves Christians, but they live opposite of what the Word of God instructs them to be as Christians. True Christians are followers of Christ and the doctrine of the Bible.

### John 2:25

***And needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man.***

Jesus knew the heart of those that were following Him. He knew who He could trust and those He couldn't trust.

Although Jesus had followers the majority of them weren't following His doctrine. They wanted the miracles, but they didn't want to submit themselves to the doctrine.

Many profess to be Christians, followers of Christ, but their lifestyle is of those that has not accepted salvation. Salvation brings about a new creature, meaning, you are no longer the same. Your heart and spirit has been changed, your sins have been wiped away. Your spirit and heart is now clean of sin and is willing to follow the directions of the Bible.





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*If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, if you believe that Jesus died for your sins. If you believe that He was risen from the grave. Then you are saved.*

*Confess with your mouth that you're saved.*

### ***Romans 10:9-11***

*That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

*For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.*

*If you have truly accepted salvation, your heart and spirit has been changed. You will feel the cleanliness within your spirit and heart. Now it's your responsibility to read the Word of God, pray, fast and submit yourself to the Word of God. If you can attend worship service at church or at your facility, you should attend to be strengthen spiritually. As you submit yourself to the doctrine of the Bible you will see a change in your character and attributes.*

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