

Jesus--John 2

First Miracle and Cleansing of the Temple

I. Additional Scriptures...

1. HOUR HAS NOT YET COME (v. 4)... Cf., John 7:6, 30; 8:20.
2. WELL DRUNK (v. 10)... See these Old Testament passages where the same Greek term (**ἰσχυρῶς**), is used in the LXX with the meaning of “filled up,” Psalm 23:5; Song of Solomon 5:1; Jeremiah 31:14. See also, Habakkuk 2:15 and Proverbs 23:31-32.
3. John 20:30-31.
4. Psalm 69:9.
5. Seven signs in John...
 - 1) Water into wine (Jn 2:1-12).
 - 2) Healing a nobleman’s son (Jn 4:46-54).
 - 3) Healing the lame man at Bethesda (Jn 5:1-17).
 - 4) Feeding 5,000 (Jn 6:1-14).
 - 5) Walking on water; stilling a storm (Jn 6:15-21).
 - 6) Giving sight to a blind man (Jn 9:1-41).
 - 7) Raising Lazarus from the dead (Jn 11:17-45).

II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **The Period of the Christ.**

III. Summary.

Along with His mother, Jesus and His disciples were invited to a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The hosts ran out of wine and Mary informed Jesus of it, seemingly expecting Him to do something to help relieve the embarrassment of the hosts. Mary told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

Six waterpots of stone, used in purification rites, and holding a total of 120 or more gallons were filled to the brim with water and then some was drawn out and taken to the master of the wedding feast. He commented that this was an unusual wedding in that the good wine was saved to the last. This was the beginning of the signs Jesus performed. It showed His glory and strengthened the faith of the disciples.

At the Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Here he drove out the traders and moneychangers from the temple. He said, “Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!” As the disciples saw His zeal demonstrated, they remembered a prophetic statement.

The Jews asked Him for a sign. His response was, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” They were astonished by the statement, but Jesus had reference to the resurrection of His physical body from the dead. Many believed Him because of the signs. Jesus knew the thoughts of men.

IV. Outline.

1. Jesus is invited to a wedding (Jn 2:1-2).
2. The hosts run out of wine and Jesus is informed of the problem by Mary (3-4).
3. Servants are told to obey Jesus and He commands that 6 waterpots be filled (5-7).

4. They drew from the waterpots and presented it to the master of the feast (8-9).
5. The master of the feast identifies the wine as GOOD (10).
6. This was the beginning of the signs (11).
7. Jesus went for a few days to Capernaum (12).
8. Later, Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover (13).
9. He found traders and moneychangers and drove them from the temple (14-16).
10. The disciples related what He did to fulfillment of prophecy (17).
11. The Jews asked Jesus for a sign (18).
12. Jesus answered about destroying and raising the temple (19).
13. Jesus was speaking of His resurrection (20-22).
14. Many believed because of the signs (23-24).
15. Jesus knew the thoughts of men (25).

V. Questions.

True or False

01. _____ SIGNS as used in this chapter (v. 11) means a miracle or something supernatural.
02. _____ The master of the feast was so drunk he could not distinguish taste.
03. _____ Mary had no children but Jesus.
04. _____ The master of the feast knew how the wine Jesus sent to him had been made.
05. _____ Many believed in Jesus at Jerusalem.

Multiple Choice (Select the BEST Answer)

06. _____ Each of the six waterpots at the home in Cana of Galilee contained how many gallons: (a) one or two; (b) five or ten; (c) twenty or thirty.
07. _____ The building of the temple mentioned in this chapter took how many years: (a) 20; (b) 46; (c) 75.
08. _____ Why were the large waterpots present at this home: (a) preparation for a drought; (b) they stored food in them; (c) purification rites of the Jews.
09. _____ What did the miracle at Cana manifest: (a) it is not revealed; (b) the glory of Jesus.
10. _____ The word TEMPLE is used in which of the following ways in this chapter: (a) the Jewish place of worship; (b) the body of Jesus; (c) neither of these; (d) both a & b.

Fill in the Blanks

11. Habakkuk ____:15 “Woe unto him that _____ his neighbour _____, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him _____ also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!”
12. “Zeal for your _____ has _____ Me up.”
13. John 7:____ “Then Jesus said unto them, My _____ is not yet come: but your _____ is always ready.”
14. “_____ He says to you _____ it.”
15. “... for He _____ what was in _____.”

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be given on next week's handout

ANSWERS for Lesson 01-27... [01--True, Mt 3:16-17; 02--True, Mt 3:4; 03--False, Mt 3:7-8; 04--True, Mt 3:11; 05--False, Mt 3:15; 06--b, Mt 3:14; 07--a, Mt 3:9; 08--b, Mt 3:10; 09--b, Mt 3:9; 10--c, Mt 3:11; 11--camel's, leathern, Mt 3:4; 12--becometh, righteousness, Mt 3:15; 13--girt, leather, Elijah; 14--5, water, many; 15--beloved, pleased, Mt 3:17.]

VI. Lessons & Applications.

1. **Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding** (Jn 2:2). The ordinary life here upon this earth was that for which Jesus humbled Himself to come to this earth (Ph 2:5-11). He participated in normal social events of the region.
2. **...Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me?** (Jn 2:4). To us this language may sound a bit abrupt and almost disrespectful, but not in that idiom of that time. It is the same language Jesus used lovingly to give to John the responsibilities of caring for Mary at the cross (Jn 19:26). Brother Littrell translates the statement with these words: "Woman, what is it to me and to you?" Her response in the next verse indicates that she is not offended by Jesus' reply to her and she seems to think that He will do something to relieve the embarrassment of the hosts.
3. **...six waterpots of stone ... containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece** (Jn 2:6). These waterpots were for washing and held a very large amount of water. Some have estimated that just one of the waterpots would provide plenty of wine for 150 men.
4. **... and filled them to the brim** (Jn 2:7). This was done evidently to allow the servants to see that there was no trickery involved in the miracle that Jesus was about to perform.
5. **...water that was made wine...** (Jn 2:9). The word for wine in the Greek New Testament is OINOS. "In regard to OINOS, A. B. Rich states, "It simply designates a vinous beverage, but gives no clue to its nature. This must be determined by reference to the context, if at all" [W.D. Jeffcoat, "The Miracle of Turning Water Into Wine," in *The Miracles of Jesus*, edited by B.J. Clarke, 2001 Power Lectures]. Consider the passage from Isaiah 24:7, which uses a Hebrew word meaning fresh grape juice and which is translated in the Greek LXX by the word OINOS. It is my firm conviction that the wine Jesus produced here from water was not intoxicating. I would encourage anyone to study brother Jeffcoat's book, *The Bible and "Social Drinking,"* for a detailed refutation of the idea that Jesus here made an intoxicating beverage to give to the guests at this wedding. Some seem to argue that GOOD WINE of verse 10 implies that it is intoxicating or that it is making a statement about potency. Whoever holds this view needs to prove this rather than just making an assertion--a word study of the term KALOS does not reveal any such meaning. Consider that the word used in verse 9 was TASTED. The only thing that a taste of wine is going to reveal is the flavor or texture of the beverage; its toxic effects or "potency" could not be judged by a taste, but would be determined after a passing of some time. The idea that we have Jesus contributing to the drunkenness of a group of people by supplying an overabundance of intoxicating beverage is repulsive to me in view of the statement of Habakkuk 2:15.
6. **This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee...** (Jn 2:11). Here is given the purpose of the miracle Jesus performed at the wedding. It was for the manifesting of His glory and for the production of faith in the disciples. This is an often-repeated fact in the Book of John.
7. **...Do not make my Father's house a house of merchandise!** (Jn 2:16). The zeal that Jesus had for the temple is seen here. Whenever Jesus came into the presence of those who were not sincere in their practice it disturbed Him greatly. Many of the Jews had to come from far places and would not be able to bring their animal sacrifices with them. Thus, these traders were satisfying a need. We can be assured that it was a reaction to the greed and insincerity that Jesus reacted against here. That they would so disrespect the holy place by turning it into a market and likely a dishonest one at that, was more than His righteous zeal could endure.

VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

W I K M U J M Y H N T G B R F V E D C W
 S E C V F R T G B N H Y F I L L E D U J
 M K D I O D P L O I K U J M N H Y B B G
 T G R D B G R R F V E D C W S X Q A R Z
 M N B G I F D A S A T H O U R R E W I Q
 M J U C A N A Y W H N T G B R F V E M D
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 P O I S Y T E R W E E W N I N V I T E D
 Q S E D I C D E T R F O V B G T R Y H N
 U O P Y T X R A E W L C V B N M E H Y T
 G F E D C V W B N L M J T G B R F F V E
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 G T Y H N M U G J K I O P U J N I T G B
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[The words below come from the description of the first miracle recorded in John 2. See if you can find them all up above.]

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| 01. wedding | 02. Cana |
| 03. Galilee | 04. invited |
| 05. wine | 06. hour |
| 07. six | 08. waterpots |
| 09. stone | 10. twenty |
| 11. thirty | 12. gallons |
| 13. filled | 14. brim |
| 15. draw | 16. master |
| 17. good | 18. inferior |