

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

LESSON 3 - JOHN CHAPTER 2

ASSIGNMENT

READ John chapter 2.

MEMORIZE John 1:14.

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

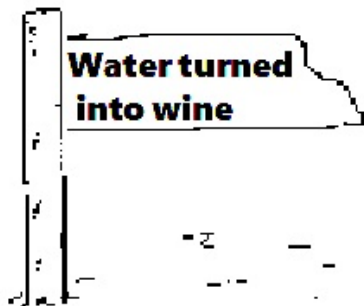
“Christ became human flesh and lived among us. We saw His shining greatness. This greatness is given only to a much-loved Son from His Father. He was full of loving favor and truth.” (N.L.T.)

OUTLINE OF JOHN CHAPTER 2

- A. First sign, John 2:1-11.
- B. Passover at Jerusalem, John 2:12-25.

LOOKING AT JOHN CHAPTER 2

A. First sign, John 2:1-11.



Jesus did not stay away from the people and their activities. He was among them. He would not do anything that was sinful. He did not do anything that would make others sin. Jesus came into the world to destroy sin.

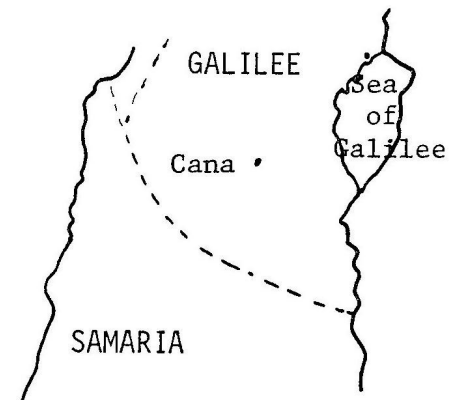
We find Jesus at a wedding as we start reading this chapter.

Where was the wedding? John 2:1

Find Cana on the map.

Who was invited to this wedding? John 2:2

and



John 2:3 the _____ of _____

While Jesus was at the wedding, the people ran out of wine. His mother Mary, came to Jesus and said to Him,

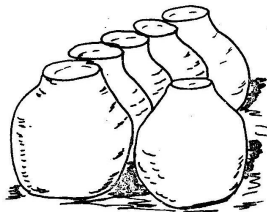
"They have no wine."

What did Jesus say to His mother?" John 2:4

The words Jesus spoke to her were not as hard as they seem. (A. Martin. John. Life Through Believing, p. 24.) In His language they were loving words. Later she would understand. Notice that He said,

"Mine hour is not yet come."

In the sign at the wedding, Jesus showed His great power over nature. The writer does not think He made wine that would make the people drunk. He probably made what we would call grape juice.



How many water pots were there? John 2:6

These water pots held about 20 gallons each. No wine had been kept in the pots. So they did not even have the smell of wine.

Jesus asked the disciples to fill these water pots with water.

How far did they fill the pots? John 2:7

This means they could not add wine to give the water the taste of wine.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, " _____ now." John 2:8.

This means they were to dip some water out of the pots. They were to give it to the governor, the man who looked after things. The water became _____, John 2:9.

Was it poor wine or good wine?

When Jesus does something, He does it well. Jesus did not touch anything of this, yet He did the miracle. Jesus has all power. Jesus is God.

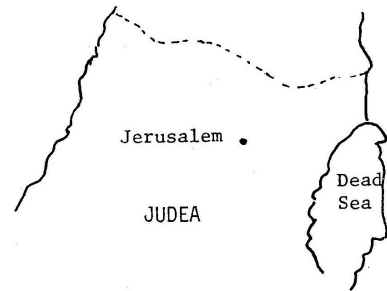
Because of this miracle some people believed in Jesus. However, they did not

really believe in Him. We will see this as we study further on in the Gospel.

As we read about Mary, the mother of Jesus, in this chapter and also in Mark 3:31-35, we see Jesus speaking to her like He would to any other woman. There are no Bible verses which tell us to pray to Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Bible does say that she is to be blessed among women, Luke 1:28,42. The Bible says nothing about her being greater than any other woman.

B. Passover at Jerusalem, John 2:12-25.

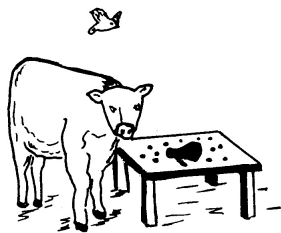
Jesus and His disciples went to Jerusalem. They went to keep the Passover. Many Jews went to Jerusalem. The Passover was held once a year. It reminded the people of God how they were freed from Egypt.



What were people to do in the temple? Psalm 100:4

1) _____, 2) _____, 3) _____

Psalm 95:6 1) _____, 2) _____

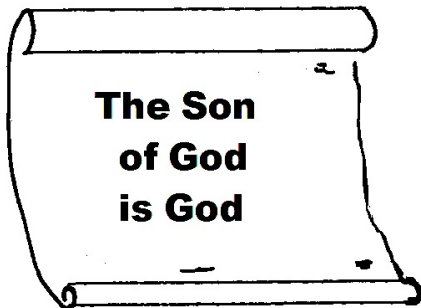


When Jesus went into the temple to worship, He found it like a meat market.

What were the people doing in the temple? John 2:14

Not only that, but those who were selling animals were cheating the people. Some people think that those men sold the same animal many times to different people for a sacrifice.

Can you see why Jesus was angry? Those who were supposed to lead the people in the worship of God were turning them away from God. They were using God's house to get rich. Jesus was angry because they made His house a store rather than a place of worship.



The religious leaders came to Jesus. They asked Him for a sign to prove His right to clean the temple. He did not answer them because He knew they would not believe Him. Sometimes someone will ask us, "Who gave you the right to preach the way you do?" We can use the Word of God to answer them. Some will believe. Many will not believe.

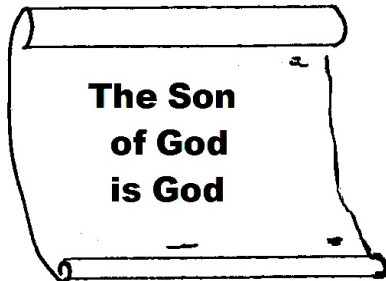
Notice, Jesus said that they will receive a sign. He told them, John 2:19

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

The people could not really understand this. It was hid from them.

What did Jesus really mean? John 2:21,22

As we study through the Gospels, there are many signs. It is easy to get them mixed up. Jesus cleaned out the temple two times. He cleaned it out when He started His work, John 2:12-25. He cleaned it out at the end of His work on earth, Matthew 21:12,13; Mark 11:15-17; and Luke 19:45,46. Only John tells us about the first cleaning of the temple.



Many people believed in Jesus. Yet, they did not really believe in Jesus. Jesus did not trust these people.

Why did Jesus not trust these people? John

2:24,25

Yes, Jesus knows what we are like on the inside. He knows what we think and plan. This shows that Jesus is God.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. activity - doing something, being busy.
2. blessed - to be made very happy.
3. destroy - to break down, to pull to pieces.
4. sacrifice - an animal is killed and burned on the altar. This is to ask God to forgive the sin of the one who makes the sacrifice. An offering.
5. temple - the great house of God, big church of the Jewish people.
6. worship - to give great honor to God in prayer and in praise.

Lesson 3 - Review

Write down the right answer.

1. The wedding Jesus attended was at (Nazareth) (Cana)
2. There were (3) (6) waterpots there.
3. The disciples filled the waterpots (half full) (full to the brim) with water.

4. The miracle shows that Jesus has power over (Himself) (nature) _____ .
5. Because of this miracle, (a few) (many) (some) _____ people believed in Jesus.
6. Jesus went to the (dedication) (Passover) _____ feast at Jerusalem.
7. People are to (sell) (worship) _____ in the temple.
8. Jesus found the people (worshipping) (selling) _____ in the temple.
9. (All the Gospels) (Only John) tells us about the first cleaning of the temple.

10. Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in (3 years) (3 days) _____ I will raise it up.

Answer the questions.

11. Using your Bible, how do verses 24,25 show that Jesus is God?

12. Why do you think Jesus cleaned the temple?

13. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Destroy this temple"?

14. What did Jesus mean when He said, "I will raise it up"?

15. Write out the memory verse.

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