**John 2 – A Wedding, A Temple and A Man**

The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2**Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. **3**When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” **4**And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” **5**His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

**6**Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7**Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8**And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. **9**When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom **10**and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” **11**This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**12**After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothersand his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

**13**The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14**In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. **15**And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. **16**And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.” **17**His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

**18**So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” **19**Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” **20**The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple,and will you raise it up in three days?”**21**But he was speaking about the temple of his body. **22**When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Jesus Knows What Is in Man

**23**Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. **24**But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people **25**and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

**Discussion Questions**

1. v1-5 – What do you think about the interaction between Jesus and His mother? Consider Luke 2:41-51
2. v6 –What is the significance of using water jars used for purification rites to make wine? Consider John 10:10b, Psalm 37:4, Psalm 27:13, Matthew 23:1-4
3. v10 –What is the eschatological significance of saving the good wine for last? Luke 22:18, Revelation 19:6-9
4. v12 – Reflection: What does verse 12 prove about Mary?
5. v13-17 – What OT messianic prophecy is fulfilled by Jesus actions? Consider Psalm 69:9
6. v13-17 – What was God’s original purpose for the Temple/Tent of Meeting? Exodus 40:34, Revelation 21:1-3
7. v13-17 – Reflection: What did the money-changers do to anger Jesus?
8. v13-17 – Reflection: Was Jesus’ anger in-control or out-of-control? See v15
9. v18 – What does showing a sign accomplish and what is the nature of authority? How does Jesus respond? Consider Matthew 21:23, Matthew 28:18
10. v25 – Why would Jesus know ‘what was in a man’? Consider John 1:1-3, Genesis 1:1

**Notes**

**1.** The Boy Jesus in the Temple

**41**Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. **42**And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. **43**And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it,**44**but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, **45**and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. **46**After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. **47**And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. **48**And when his parentssaw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” 49And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” 50And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

52And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**2.** John 10:10b  “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 27:13 I believe that I shall look[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+27&version=ESV#fen-ESV-14299f)] upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

Matthew 23:1-4 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, **2**“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, **3**so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. **4**They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+23&version=ESV#fen-ESV-23920a)] and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.

**3.** Luke 22:18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Revelation 19:6-9 The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

**6**Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!  
For the Lord our God  
    the Almighty reigns.  
**7**Let us rejoice and exult  
    and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
    and his Bride has made herself ready;  
**8**it was granted her to clothe herself  
    with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

**9**And the angel said[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rev+19&version=ESV#fen-ESV-31011a)] to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

**5.** Psalm 69:9 English Standard Version (ESV)

**9**For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

**6.** Exodus 40:34 English Standard Version (ESV)

The Glory of the Lord

**34**Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

Revelation 21:1-3 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2**And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rev+21&version=ESV#fen-ESV-31041a)] of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rev+21&version=ESV#fen-ESV-31041b)] and God himself will be with them as their God.

**9.** Matthew 21:23

The Authority of Jesus Challenged

**23**And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

**10.** John 1

The Word Became Flesh

**1**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**He was in the beginning with God. **3**All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Genesis 1

The Creation of the World

**1**In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.