

Text: John 2

Study Outline

- I. Water Turned to Wine (vss 1-12)
 - a. The wedding to which Jesus, His Mother, and His disciples attended took place in Cana of Galilee.
 - i. Where was Cana located in relation to Nazareth?
 - ii. Describe what happened at this wedding.
 - b. “This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee.” (vs 11).
 - i. This first sign or miracle is the first of seven or eight signs that are described in the Gospel of John.
 - ii. What was the significance of this sign or miracle? What was the result?
- II. Jesus Cleanses the Temple (vss 13-22)
 - a. The first of three Passovers is mentioned in vs 13. (The other 2 are mentioned in John 6; and in John 11:55, 12:1, 13:1, 8:28, 39; and 19:14).
 - b. The Temple was considered to be the holiest site in Israel and Passover the most solemn time of the year.
 - c. Passover was also the time when Jews from all over made their pilgrimage to Jerusalem to make their Passover offering.
 - d. Merchants capitalized upon the event by setting up within the Temple a place to exchange their money in order to purchase an animal for sacrifice.
 - e. Jesus made a whip of cords and drove them out, including the animals. Why do you think Jesus did this?
 - f. Jesus likens his own body to a temple, by saying “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up” (vs 19.). To what was this statement given in response? What was the significance of the statement?
- III. The Discerner of Hearts (vss 23-24)

- a. Jesus stayed in Jerusalem during the Passover and vs 23 says, “many believed in His name when they saw the ‘signs which he did.’”
- b. As used in Scripture, the “name” of a person often represents the person themselves. The name signifies identity. Name signifies the person’s character and often spoke to the essence of who they were. So, for people to believe in Jesus’ name (vs 23), meant what?
- c. At this point in our journey in John, what was the basis of people’s belief in Jesus?
- d. Why do you think Jesus did not commit himself to those who believed in Him because of the signs? (see vs 24-25)
- e. Yet, if John strategically placed 7 (or 8) of Jesus’ many signs in His gospel so that we might believe in Jesus, what is the significance of these verses for us as Believers?

Sources

Study Bible

The New Spirit Filled Life Bible, New King James Version