

## John 2 Miracle at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; 2 and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 And Jesus said to her, "What business do you have with Me, woman? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He tells you, do it." 6 Now there were six stone waterpots standing there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing two or three measures each.

7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So, they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." And they took it to him. 9 Now when the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the groom,

10 and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the guests are drunk, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee and revealed His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother, and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days.

## First Passover—Cleansing the Temple

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And within the temple grounds He found those who were selling oxen, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

15 And He made a whip of cords, and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; 16 and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away from here; stop making My Father's house a place of business!"

17 His disciples remembered that it was written: "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME." 18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority 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 took forty-six years to build this temple, and yet You will raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking about the temple of His body. 22 So when

He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name as they observed His signs which He was doing. 24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, because He knew all people, 25 and because He did not need anyone to testify about mankind, for He Himself knew what was in mankind.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God's character?

1. Did Jesus like to celebrate?
2. Did Jesus drink wine?
3. Why did the wine run out?
4. Why did Jesus Mum put Him under this kind of pressure?
5. What was Jesus referring to when He said these words 'my time has not yet come'?
6. Did Mary already know Jesus was able to work this kind of miracle?
7. The water jugs that were empty of water were there for religious purposes, they were there for storing the washing water.
8. The servants knew what they had filled these jars with, but did they know when they gave the water to the head waiter they were now wine?
9. The waiters' perplexity motivated him to ask the question 'why have you saved the best till last?'
10. The groom, along with the head waiter, was not aware of the miracle.
11. This first miracle was initiated by Jesus Mum.
12. Miracles glorify God and this one drew the disciples to Jesus at a greater intensity.
13. The temple confrontation that Jesus experienced is typical of life, we all have them!
14. Why did Jesus respond in this way to this inappropriate selling in the court?
15. Was Jesus justified in what He did to the market traders?
16. What happens when money and goods are being thrown everywhere amongst the crowd?
17. Jesus justification for His actions was to say, 'stop making my Fathers house a den of thieves'.
18. What is it to have zeal?
19. Do you have zeal in the way that Jesus had zeal for the church?

20. What is it to be consumed?
21. Not satisfied with Jesus' explanation the crowd want Him to prove Himself.
22. What did Jesus mean, 'I will destroy this temple'? Was this to be like Jericho and the walls?
23. Jesus' response gives us an example, that what He said, had hidden meanings and was only available to those who really were seeking an understanding.
24. He spoke in parables so only the seekers would discover the truths He had received from God.
25. Jesus referred to His body as a temple, our bodies are also a temple of the Holy Spirit and what we do in it matters to God!
26. What is it to believe?
27. What is it to believe in His name?
28. Signs and wonders draw people to Jesus. Would God not do, through the church, signs and wonders to draw people back to Him in these days?
29. Why did He not give Himself to the people?
30. What is it to know what is in another person?
31. How do we keep bad out of us? How do we get good in?