

Jesus Among Us

John 2:1-11

Invitation...

- A life lived WITH Jesus (relationship)
- Becoming LIKE Jesus (transformation)
- REVEALING Jesus (extension of God)

John 1:1-3

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 nothing was made that was made.

John 1:4-7

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.

John 1:8-11

⁸ He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

John 1:12-13

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:14

**¹⁴ And the Word became 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.**

Jesus Among Us...

- points to Jesus as **the Word**
- Jesus as **the Light**, the **true Light** which **gives light to every man coming into the world**
- given **the right to become children of God**
- **Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt AMONG US**
- Jesus is the firstborn among the sons and daughters of God

Jesus among us -

Jesus dwelt among humanity
during biblical times as the
earthly son of Joseph and Mary...

He continues to come in the
flesh, OUR flesh, to dwell
AMONG US today.

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Jesus among us...

- **but Christ lives in me**
- **the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**
- a life lived with Jesus...
- becoming like Jesus...
- revealing Jesus...
- This is our way of life...

John 2:1-4

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. ³ And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

John 2:5-7

⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do *it*.” ⁶ Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

John 2:8-9

⁸ And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast.” And they took *it*. ⁹ When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

John 2:10-11

¹⁰ And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!” ¹¹ This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

Jesus among us...

- **Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding (2:2)**
- Who are we living in relationship with deeply enough that we are being invited into their lives?
- Have we left enough margin in our lives to say yes when the invitation comes?

Jesus Among Us —

Father God's Mission
Flows Out of Relationship

Jesus among us...

- **³ And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”**
- for any given problem - Jesus has the answer
- stating the truth of where we are at positions our hearts to receive from Jesus
- it is not about informing Jesus ... it is about positioning ourselves before Jesus

Jesus among us...

- **⁴ Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”**
- *(woman) gynai* was a respectful form of address
- *“What does this matter have to do with us?”*
or *“Why are you bringing this to me?”*

Jesus among us...

- **⁴ Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”**
- **“the hour”** expression referring to the climactic moment of Jesus' mission (death, resurrection, glorification)
- **“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (John 12:23).**

Jesus among us...

- ⁵ His mother said to the servants,
“Whatever He says to you, do *it*.”
- Mary doesn’t argue
- Mary doesn’t pull the “mom” card
- Brings the problem to Jesus
- Releases the solution to Jesus

Jesus Among Us —

(Awareness)
Bring Problems
to Jesus...

Release Control of the Solution
to Jesus...

Jesus among us...

- **6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.**
- connected to Jewish purification, old system
- represent roughly 120–180 gallons
- Jesus revealed something about who He is ... through the way He solved the problem.

Jesus among us...

• 7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it.

- Jesus says ... servants fill them
- Jesus says ... servants draw it out
- Jesus says ... servants take to the master
- The miracle happens within the context of the servants' obedience.

Jesus among us...

- **7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it.**
- Only the servants—those who were close enough in the moment to hear and obey His voice—knew what Jesus had done.
- Following Jesus - trusting Him enough to obey the next thing He says.

Jesus Among Us —

Stay Close Enough to Hear,
and Trust Him Enough to Obey.

Jesus among us...

- **And they took it. 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.**
- A miracle happened!
- And no one knew it was a miracle, or that it had come from Jesus, except for those servants (and Mary).

Jesus Among Us —

People may

EXPERIENCE Jesus through us
before they RECOGNIZE Jesus
in us

Jesus among us...

- **10 And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”**
- Something better than what was expected happens!
- **“You have kept the good wine until now!”**
- **Jesus** responds with above and beyond expectation, and the opposite of cultural norms.

- Jesus among us - Jesus dwelt among humanity during biblical times as the earthly son of Joseph and Mary... He continues to come in the flesh, OUR flesh, to dwell AMONG US today.
- Jesus Among Us — Father God's Mission Flows Out of Relationship
- Jesus Among Us – (Awareness) Bring problems to Jesus, release control of the solution to Jesus
- Jesus Among Us — Stay close enough to hear and trust Him enough to obey
- Jesus Among Us — People may experience Jesus through us before they recognize Jesus in us

Jesus shows up in our midst...

- People are healed, restored, set free, loved, provided for, transformed.
- When we as followers of Jesus Christ know Christ lives in me and I live by faith in Jesus