

John 2 – 15 February 2026

“Chip Off The Old Rock”

Introduction

- *The Gospel of John opened with a look at the divine descending of Jesus Christ, the Word of God in flesh
- *Then we received the call to ‘Come & See’ Jesus
- *Today we invest our time in 2 major Jewish celebrations, a Wedding and an annual Passover
- *This is the beginning of the 1st of 3 years for Jesus’ public earthly ministry (the Year of Preparation)
- *Thru Jesus’ childhood He “advanced in wisdom & stature & in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52)
 - *But He was born of God, as God, fully God
 - *We say someone is a chip off the old block, to say how they’re just like their parents...
 - *Today’s account we’ll see how Jesus was a “Chip Off The Old Rock” (Rock being God the Father)

In 4 ways, we’ll see the passion in His action

#1 – Rooted in His mom's love: Desire to comfort people (Vs 1-5) – *The Wedding at Cana of Galilee*

Read 2:1-2

1. “On the next day”
 - a. It’s not in sequence w/ Chap 1:29, 35 & 43
 - b. It’s the third day of travelling to Galilee
2. We don’t know whose wedding it was
 - a. Wasn’t Jesus’ b/c he was *invited*
 - b. Shows Jesus made friends / wasn’t shunned
3. That his mother & disciples came
 - a. Shows the center figure invited was Jesus
 - b. Indicates Joseph was most likely dead
4. Jesus’ ministry in a way begins with an earthly wedding & ends with a heavenly wedding
 - a. Picture of the covenant that perpetuates life

Read 2:3-4

1. Having no wine would be an embarrassment
 - a. Jesus & mom have simple sympathy here
2. Take no insult from Him saying *women*

3. *What have I to do with you*
 - a. She's asking for a spiritual thing
 - b. He doesn't take spiritual direction from his Mom but from His heavenly Father (John 5:19)
4. *My hour has not yet come*
 - a. The time for Jesus to be glorified (vs 11) & become the center focus
 - b. This was another man's wedding
5. This is a proper display of humility
 - a. Yet it's insinuated that God the Father speaks to Him to do this miracle (read on)

Read 2:5

1. This is last of 3 times in which Mary speaks
 - a. Luke 1 – Mary's “salvation”
 - i. Luke 1:34 – she inquires
 - ii. Luke 1:38 – she submits
 - iii. Luke 1:46-55 – she praises God for new life
 - b. Luke 2:48 – Mary's “sanctification”
 - i. Handles the stress of growing with Jesus
 - c. John 2 – Mary's “satisfaction”
 - i. Content in seeing Jesus knows what's best

#2 – Offering Change: Desire to convert unbelievers (6-12)

Read 2:6-7

1. **6 stone water jars** were used for OT cleansing or purifying rituals (Lev 11-15)
 - a. Used stone b/c clay pots could become uncleanable; stone could not (Lev 11:33)
2. Filling them **to the brim** took faith
 - a. Read II King 4:3-7 – Elisha has indebted widow get vessels to pour her oil into (multiple)
 - b. The greater the faith to obey Jesus, the greater the blessing!!

Read 2:8-10

1. Jesus could have made this wine \leq the quality of what they had at the first, but He didn't
2. Jesus answered **beyond** their need
 - a. What a blessing! (Read Eph 3:20)
3. Christ doesn't just want to meet our needs; He wants to bless us greater than what is natural

Read 2:11-12

1. ***Beginning of His signs*** or miracles
 - a. This converted water used in OT to wine used as symbol of the new covenant (communion)
 - b. Fitting: the first sign is converting something of the Old to something of the New Covenant
2. Went ***down*** to Capernaum (by the sea) b/c Cana was in the hill country of Nazareth
3. Seems his brothers (Jude & others) witnessed this miracle and would have been influenced by it
 - a. There is no indication that they believed Jesus until after His resurrection

#3 – Consumed with the Father: Desire to confess God (13-17) – 1st Passover Temple Cleansing

Read 2:13-14

1. These Jews created the problem to sell the cure
 - a. They disqualified animals just to sell theirs at a high price

- b. Ie. *Incredibles 2* plot – bad guy creates disasters, just to have their superheroes solve it
- c. Ie. World influences sow discord just to sell the solution of them tightening govt controls

2. This was all done for lust, pride and control

Read 2:15-17

- 1. His disciples knew Jesus was fulfilling (Read) Psm 69-8-9 (Average person knew their Bible)
 - a. At the start of His heavenly calling, Jesus is distancing from His earthly family & consumed with the things God is passionate about
 - b. Just as John 2:4 showed His distancing Himself from His earthly family, John 2:15 shows His getting closer to His heavenly family
- 2. It should be a house of prayer (Isa 56:7) not a place of business
 - a. We should be careful not to take something dedicated to God and use it for ourselves
 - b. This is a misappropriation of funds
 - c. It's stealing from God – stealing attention

#4 – Kneeling at the cross: Desire to change everything (18-25))

Read 2:18-22

1. ***Give a sign to prove Your authority***
 - a. Answer: He won't give a sign, but He'll simply prove His authority by His resurrection
2. Jesus said it's a wicked person that needs a sign (experience) to believe
 - a. Jesus told Thomas 'blessed are they that haven't seen and believe'...b/c of the evidence they already have
 - b. Read Mat 12:38-40 – 3 days in the earth is the same as raising up His temple in 3 days
3. Notice the Jews thought He was talking of the Temple and not of His body
 - a. They'll even bring up this false accusation at His trial (Mat 26:61)
 - b. Men always think Jesus' words are earthly
4. This is an early mark that Jesus knew the certainty that He would die
 - a. But also the certainty that He would rise!

Read 2:23-25

1. They believed b/c they saw signs
 - a. These aren't the ones He places His trust in
2. Blessed are they that believe for the evidence they already have from Scripture
 - a. Read Luke 16:29-31 ie Lazarus & Rich Man

Conclusion

There's a compelling question that these final verses are asking us, 'Can **we** be trusted w/ Jesus?'

Are we cultivating a heart like His?

1. **Rooted in our Savior's love: Do we desire to comfort people?**
2. **Offering Change: Do we desire to convert unbelievers?**
3. **Consumed with the Father: Do we desire to confess God?**
4. **Kneeling at the cross: Do we desire to change everything by pointing people to the cross?**