

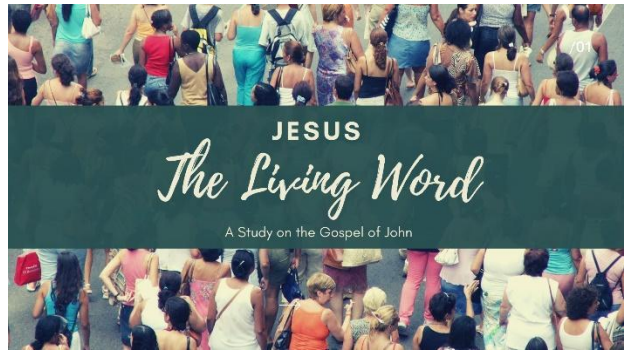
Study: "Jesus the Living Word"

A Study on the Gospel of John

Instructor: Pastor Damian Mericka

Week 7: Gospel of John 2:1-12

Study Notes Jesus- the Word of God



John 2:1-12. Miracle 1/7 Changing Purification Water to Wine

- o John, the author, invites us into the beginnings of Jesus' Ministry. Right from the start, Jesus' involvement is very personal and connected into the community. ***In the next 9 chapters John will show how Jesus revealed Himself through the ceremonies and festivals of Judaism in the Old Testament Scriptures with 7 Miracles.***
- o While the other Gospel writers note the power of Jesus having an impact on the crowd through His miracles, John is writing to show how the miracles were deeper than that. The miracles where a way Jesus revealed the uniqueness of His Person and Work.
- o **Vv. 1-3.** Jesus and His disciples are invited to a wedding feast in Cana where it would seem Mary, His mother, may have been connected to those being married either be relation or socially. Weddings in this time were a series of celebrations that could lead on into a full week of observance. To run out of supplies would have been a cultural embarrassment to the host. *It may be the groom had just arrived.*
 - **Check out Matthew 25:1-13.** Jesus would use a wedding celebration to teach that our lives are to be lived in preparation for His Return.
- o **Vv. 4-5.** Jesus almost pulls back because His purpose was to become the sacrifice for sin; and that time had not yet come. Yet, in this we see John showing that while Jesus had come to take away sin, His atonement brings us so much more than just that. Jesus brings us life abundant. Jesus is not a distant Messiah, but a close personal one involved in our day to day lives. Mary knew this.
- o **Vv. 6-8.** These stone jars played a significant part in Jewish life. They were to be filled with water to both physically and ceremoniously purify the hands to proceed with eating. *Clean hands marked a clean soul, or cleanliness is next to Godliness!*
 - **Check out Mark 7:1-4.**
- o **Vv. 9-10.** One would serve the best up front; allow the less quality to be served near the end when it would not be about the quality. The presentation of a wine of this quality captures the attention of the Master of Ceremonies; or in a sense the quality is so much above the normal that it cannot be ignored. This showed the reader that there is more to Jesus than we may realize!
 - **Amos 9:13-14**
- o **Vv. 11-12.** As Jesus' public ministry has now begun, we also see how much Jesus valued family and time invested with them. As the Disciples' faith through understanding more of who Jesus is was growing, Jesus spends time with his mother, brothers, and disciples. He spends time with His family.

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." -John 20:31 ESV

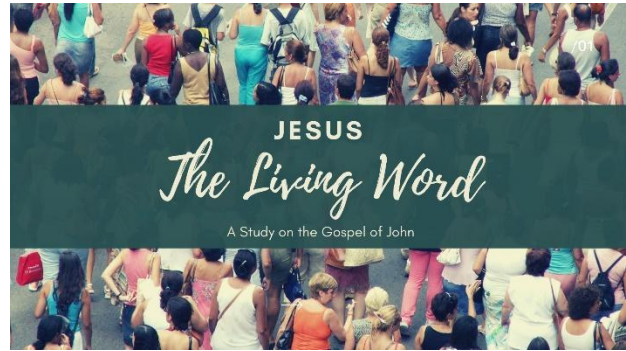
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Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *What is John presenting about Jesus' miracles that differs from the other Gospel writers?*
- 2) *How many miracles will John share from chapters 2-10? What is the first miracle?*
- 3) *Why was the wine being finished before the wedding celebration was over such an emergency? Who would this be an emergency for and why? How does Jesus use a similar wedding experience to teach about being prepared for His return in Matthew 25:1-13?*
- 4) *What is unique about the stone jars used to fill with water for transforming to wine? What quality was this wine and how does it relate to Amos 9:13-14?*
- 5) **BONUS:**
 - a. *What does Jesus' wedding attendance tell us about His involvement with humanity?*
 - b. *What does Jesus' almost withdrawal from the emergency and then his mothers confidence tell us about Jesus?*
 - c. *What does 2:12 tell us about Jesus? What does this mean for you today?*

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Time read John Chapter 2:13-22.**