



# From Water to Wine & Temple to Savior

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**BIG IDEA:** Jesus didn't come to improve RELIGION. He came to transform me - to be the

**OBJECT** my worship and the **CENTER** of my life.

Matthew 4:10, Deuteronomy 6:13-14, Romans 11:36, Colossians 1:17

## SCENE 1: *The Wedding at Cana* - Jesus brings something NEW.

*John 2:1-11*

<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “**Fill the jars with water.**” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, “**Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.**” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. (ESV)

- Jesus doesn't just **IMPROVE** a life, He **TRANSFORMS** it

*2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 4:22-24*

- **HEART** transformation, not just **BEHAVIOR** modification

*Jeremiah 31:33, Ezekiel 36:26-27, Romans 12:2, Titus 3:5*

**SCENE 2: *Cleansing the Temple*** - Jesus confronts **CORRUPTED** worship.

*John 2:13-22*

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, “*Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.*” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “*Zeal for your house will consume me.*” <sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (ESV)

- Jesus is declaring...
  - The center of worship is no longer the **TEMPLE**.  
Mark 15:37-38, John 14:6, Hebrews 10:19-20
  - The true meeting place between God and humanity is **HIM**.  
John 1:14, 1 Timothy 2:5

## WHY does it matter/WHAT does it mean for me?

### 1. Stop settling for "**WATER**" Christianity

- **Ask**: Am I hanging around, or am I being transformed by Jesus?

### 2. Invite Jesus into the **ORDINARY** parts of my life

- **Ask**: Is Jesus the central part of my whole life or just part of my Sunday?

### 3. Let Jesus "flip the tables" He needs to flip in my life.

- **Ask**: What is something I need to give over to Jesus so I can actually move forward with Him?

### 4. Build my life on the risen **JESUS**, not any **RELIGIOUS** systems

- **Ask**: Have I surrendered to Jesus as Savior and Lord of my life?

#### Memory Verse:

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6 ESV)

## My next step today is to...

- Memorize John 14:6
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get **baptized**
- Reflect on one of the four questions above.
- Read John Chapter 2 this week
- Join a Group this spring to connect to Jesus' followers
- Attend the next START HERE
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## Recommended Resources:

Past Hope Sermons & Series...

[Becoming a 3C Disciple Series](#) (January 2026)

[Bible in a J.A.R.: Overview of John, Acts & Romans](#) (1/25/26)

Additional Handouts...

[Background Assumptions About the Bible](#)

[Overview of John, Acts & Romans](#)

[Detailed Outline of John](#)

