

Christians on Campus
John Bible Study
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John (1)

John 2:1-25

¹And the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²And Jesus also was invited, as well as His disciples, to the wedding.

³And when the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine. ⁴And Jesus said to her, Woman, what do I have in this that concerns you? My hour has not yet come. ⁵His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do. ⁶Now there were six stone waterpots lying there, according to the Jews' rite of purification, holding two or three measures each. ⁷Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸And He said to them, Draw some out now and take it to the master of the feast. And they took it to him. ⁹And when the master of the feast tasted the water which had 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 ¹⁰and said to him, Every man sets out the good wine first, and when they have drunk freely, then that which is worse; you have kept the good wine until now. ¹¹This beginning of signs Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed into Him.

¹²After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they remained there not many days. ¹³And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴And He found in the temple those selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers sitting there. ¹⁵And having made a whip out of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, as well as the sheep and the oxen, and He poured out the money of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And to those who were selling the doves He said, Take these things away from here; do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise. ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house shall devour Me."

¹⁸The Jews then answered and said to Him, What sign do You show us, seeing that You do these things? ¹⁹Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ²⁰Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days? ²¹But He spoke of the temple of His body. ²²When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

²³Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed into His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴But Jesus Himself did not entrust Himself to them, for He knew all men, ²⁵and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

Discussion Questions:

1. Just like the Bible, the Gospel of John is concerned mainly with _____ and _____. Briefly discuss what these two terms mean.
2. In verses 1-12, the Lord performs His first miracle, which in the Gospel of John are called "signs" (v. 12). They are miracles, but they are used as signs to signify the matter of life. Fill in the blanks of these statements (taken from footnotes of *Holy Bible Recovery Version*) to see what this first sign signifies:
 - a. Marriage signifies the continuation of human life, and a _____ (feast) signifies the pleasure and enjoyment of human life (v. 1).

- b. _____, the life juice of the grape, signifies life. Hence, the _____'s running out symbolizes that the human life runs out (v. 3).
- c. The six waterpots signify the created _____, for _____ was created on the sixth day (v.6; Gen. 1:27, 31). The Jews' rite of purification with water signifies religion's attempt to make people clean by certain dead practices.
- d. _____ here (v. 7) signifies death, as in Genesis 1:2, 6, Exodus 14:21, and Matthew 3:16.
- e. The changing of _____ into _____ signifies the changing of death into life (v. 9).

Share with one another what impresses you from this first sign in the gospel of John. How have you experienced the Lord turning death into life?

- 3. What is the significance of the case of cleansing the temple (2:12-22)? Why does cleansing the temple follow the changing of water into wine?