

The Gospel of John

John 2:1-25

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Our Gospel Writer's Purpose

To help anyone and everyone to

1. _____ to faith
2. _____ in faith

"These are written so that you may continue ["come"] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name." ~John 20:31, NLT

General Observations about John

- He witnesses to the universality of the Gospel – for EVERYONE and ANYONE [John 1:6-7, 12, 29]
- The Gospel calls for a response [John 1:12]
- John's focus: love, life, belief and glory
- John often presents his ideas as contrasts: light/darkness, belief/unbelief, love/hate, and earthly/heavenly
- John more interested in the significance [meaning] of events rather than their order
- Beneath John's simple stories are generally deeper lessons

Jesus at a Wedding

1. On the Surface

- a. Jesus cares about our everyday _____
- b. Jesus transforms our everyday _____
- c. All human experiences can become occasions where God's glory can break forth _____

2. Below the Surface

- a. _____ only happens when we take the words of Jesus seriously
"Do whatever he tells you." John 1:5, NLT
- b. The wedding is a _____ of the great heavenly feast in store for God's people
"Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself." Revelation 19:7, NLT
- c. With Jesus, the _____ comes at the end!

"Dear woman...", Jesus replied. *"My time has not yet come."* John 1:4, NLT

"This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him." John 1:11, NLT

Jesus in the Temple

1. On the Surface

- a. Jesus cares about our _____
- b. Jesus claims a special _____ to God
- c. Jesus _____ the cross and the resurrection
- d. Human Heart: Show us a _____ and we will believe

2. Below the Surface

- a. Jesus _____ and _____ the center of worship from a place to a person
"The time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way." John 4:23, NLT

- b. All of life can be now become an act of worship, a _____ sacrifice

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him." Romans 12:1, NLT

- c. Jesus wants our faith firmly _____ in who He is by allowing the signs to point to who He is

"Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs.'" John 6:26, NLT

"You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." John 20:29, NLT