

Calvary Chapel Viewpoint

Care Group Study Questions

Study in John

John 2:1–25 (ESV)

- ¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.
- ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.
- ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”
- ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”
- ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”
- ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.
- ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.
- ⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it.
- ⁹ 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
- ¹⁰ 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.”
- ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.
- ¹² After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.
- ¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.
- ¹⁵ 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.
- ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.”
- ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”
- ¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?”
- ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”
- ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”
- ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.
- ²² 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.
- ²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.
- ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people
- ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

The Beginning of Jesus’ Public Ministry

Verses 1-11 Water into Wine

What is unique about the miracle at Cana? It was the first miracle of Jesus. It is not recorded in other Gospels. If you look at the list of wedding attendees, it appears that the wedding couple was most likely a relative of Jesus and Mary—or perhaps a friend of the family. Since the atmosphere at a normal wedding is festive and joyful, Jesus is probably enjoying Himself. He was invited and is welcome here. He did not condemn those who were enjoying themselves, and He was not jealous of them.

What's the big deal about running out of wine?

How did Mary react when she discovered the wine problem?

Verse 4 What does "my time has not yet come" mean?

At what point was Jesus able to say my time has finally come?

What do you think about Jesus' response to Mary?

How does Mary respond to Jesus?

What can we learn from Mary's example here?

Who knew that Jesus performed this miracle

According to verse 11, what purpose(s) did this miracle serve?

How would you describe the disciples' faith at this point?

John calls Jesus' miracles "signs." What is the implication?

So, what does this first miracle tell us about Jesus?

Signs and wonders produce a spectacular effect at the beginning, but as time goes on, there is a demand for more and more. We will see that effect in the chapters to follow as the people ask Jesus to do more miracles.

Verses 12-25 Cleansing the Temple

The Passover scene in the temple which so angered Jesus resulted from some very practical problems. These temple businesses were essential to the sacrificial system. Why? Every Jewish male, from the age of twelve and up, was expected to attend the Passover at Jerusalem. People who came from hundreds of miles away could hardly bring animals with them, so they needed to buy them in Jerusalem. They could only trade in the currency of Jerusalem so there had to be money changers.

Why was Jesus so upset?

Is there application for today?

The words of the Jews are interesting. They do not argue with Jesus about the evil of making the temple courts into a strip mall. What is the issue in their mind?

How did Jesus say He was going to prove His authority to throw vendors out of the temple?

How did the resurrection prove that?

Why wouldn't Jesus entrust Himself to people who believed in His name?

What do you think Jesus saw in their hearts?