



BIBLE STUDY

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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. - 2 Timothy 2:15

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Theme & Theme Verse

“Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John: That You May Believe”

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. – John 20:31

JOHN 2

Lesson Subject: THE GLORY REVEALED AT CANA – Part 1

Scripture: John 2:1-12

Lesson Focal Verses: John 2:1-2

Lesson Aim

To understand how John moves from telling us **who Jesus is** in chapter 1 to showing us what that identity means through what Jesus **does** in chapter 2. We will also consider why Jesus begins His signs at an ordinary wedding in Cana and how the disciples' growing understanding of Christ deepens their faith.

Guiding Question

Throughout our study of John 2, we are going to keep asking:

WHAT DOES THIS REVEAL ABOUT JESUS?

I. INTRODUCTION

- Chapter 1 gives us the _____ of who Jesus is.
- Chapter 2 begins by giving us the _____ through what Jesus does.
- John chooses particular events for a particular reason, so that we might _____, _____, and _____.
- A _____ points beyond itself.

II. JESUS ENTERS ORDINARY HUMAN JOY (vv. 1-2)

A. A Wedding Took Place at Cana in Galilee

- _____ was there.
- Sometimes our picture of Jesus can become so _____ that we forget how fully He entered _____ life.
- Jesus Himself had been raised in _____, another Galilean town.
- _____ is where Jesus' performs His first sign.
- He begins in a moderately _____ setting.

B. The Significance of the Wedding Setting

- Marriage and wedding imagery in Scripture often pictures the deep covenant relationship between _____ and _____.

Marriage Imagery in the Bible:

1. Covenant with God
Isaiah 54:5
Isaiah 62:5
Hosea 2:19–20
2. Christ and the Church
John 3:29
Ephesians 5:25–32
3. Final Joy and Victory
Revelation 19:7–9

C. Jesus Was Present in the Celebration

- Jesus was completely _____ without being socially _____ from people.

Throughout the Gospels, we find Him entering people's homes, sitting at their tables, sharing meals, and engaging in conversation and fellowship.

- Matthew 9:10–13 shows Him eating with _____ and _____.
- _____ is not outside the life of faith.
- Don't only invite Jesus into your _____. Invite Him into your _____.

D. Jesus' Mother Was There

- Rather than emphasizing her personal name, John presents her according to the _____ she _____ in the story.

E. Jesus and His Disciples Had Also Been Invited

- They are about to _____ His first sign for themselves.
- They are not simply learning facts about Jesus. They are learning **who He is** by _____ with Him, _____ to Him, _____, Him, and _____ His works.

The Signs served several purposes:

1. The signs revealed more of who Jesus is.
2. The signs strengthened their developing faith
3. The signs helped clarify their understanding of who Jesus was.
4. The signs prepared them to become witnesses.

NOTES _____

KEY LESSON TAKEAWAYS

1. John wants us to see more than the event.

The signs in John's Gospel are not recorded simply to amaze us. They are meant to reveal who Jesus is.

2. Jesus begins revealing His glory in an ordinary place.

Cana was not a major religious or political center, yet it became the setting for Jesus' first sign.

3. The wedding setting fits the larger biblical story.

Marriage imagery throughout Scripture points to covenant, faithful love, Christ and His Church, and the final joy of God's redeemed people.

4. Jesus entered ordinary human life.

He was not distant from people or from the normal experiences of life. His presence at the wedding reminds us that Christ is Lord over both sorrow and celebration.

5. Genuine faith can still be growing faith.

The disciples already believed enough to follow Jesus, but they still had much to learn about His identity, authority, mission, and glory.

6. Testimony can lead us toward Christ, but faith must continue to grow through knowing Him.

John the Baptist pointed his disciples to Jesus. Once they began following Christ, their understanding deepened through what they heard, saw, and experienced.

7. The proper response to revelation is deeper trust.

As Jesus reveals more of Himself, the disciples are given greater reason to believe in Him.

THIS WEEK'S KEY STATEMENT

The disciples had heard who Jesus was. Now they were beginning to see for themselves.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What have I learned about Jesus in this lesson that I had not considered before?
2. Has my faith in Christ remained at the same level for a long time, or can I identify ways my understanding of Him has grown?
3. Do I tend to look for God only in extraordinary circumstances? What ordinary area of my life might I need to view differently?
4. Am I as intentional about acknowledging Jesus in seasons of joy and success as I am in seasons of difficulty? Why or why not?
5. Who has helped point me toward Christ, as John the Baptist pointed his disciples toward Jesus? What did their testimony teach me?
6. Is my faith based mostly on what others have told me about Jesus, or am I personally growing through the study of His Word?
7. What part of Jesus' identity—His authority, holiness, compassion, wisdom, glory, or something else—do I want to understand more deeply?
8. What is one practical step I can take this week to deepen my knowledge of Christ?
9. Where in my life might familiarity, prejudice, or low expectations cause me to overlook what God can do through an “ordinary” person, place, or situation?
10. If someone asked me today, “What does this passage reveal about Jesus?” how would I answer in my own words?