



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 2

Scripture: John 2:1-12

Lesson Focal Verses: John 2:3-12

Lesson Aim

To understand how Jesus' first sign at Cana reveals His authority, His sovereign timing, the sufficiency of His provision, and His glory, and to recognize that the proper response to what Christ reveals about Himself is deeper faith and obedient trust.

Guiding Question

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

WHAT DOES THIS REVEAL ABOUT JESUS?

I. A HUMAN NEED IS BROUGHT TO JESUS (vs. 3)

- Recognize that there is a difference between _____ our need to God and _____ the solution to God.
- _____ faith can tell God exactly what it _____ and still say, *‘Lord, here is the need. This is what I am asking for—but I trust you with the answer.’*

II. JESUS ESTABLISHES HIS AUTHORITY AND HIS TIMING (vs. 4)

A. Woman

- The term itself was not inherently _____ or _____. Jesus is not violating the command to honor His mother.

B. Why Do You Involve Me?

- Jesus can be _____ without being _____.
- Jesus’s _____ does not eliminate his _____.

C. My Hour Has Not Yet Come

- “The hour” becomes a marker to help us to follow the _____ of Jesus’s _____.

- Cana is connected to _____ long before the _____ ever appears in the story.

III. TRUST EXPRESSES ITSELF THROUGH OBEDIENCE (vs. 5)

- Sometimes we get the _____ without receiving the _____.
- _____ does not always need to understand the _____ before it obeys the instruction.

IV. JESUS USES THE WATER OF PURIFICATION (vs. 6)

- A. Purification
- B. Fulfillment in Christ
- C. A Deeper Cleansing
- D. Abundance

V. OBEDIENCE BEFORE UNDERSTANDING (vv. 7-8)

- Obedience that depends upon complete _____ doesn't say much about our level of _____ in Him.

VI. JESUS DOES WHAT HUMAN ABILITY CANNOT (vs. 9)

- Jesus didn't need grapes, fermentation, or the aging process to take place. He just made wine from water.

VII. SOMETHING GREATER HAS ARRIVED (vs. 10)

- The greatest thing at Cana was not the quality of the wine. The greatest thing at Cana was Jesus.

VIII. JOHN TELLS US WHAT THE SIGN MEANS (vs. 11)

- A. The Sign - What does what happened to the water reveal about Jesus?
- B. His Glory - Connected with the revelation of who Jesus truly is.
- C. Their Faith - Their trust in Him deepens.

NOTES _____

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. **Bring the need to Jesus, but trust Him with the answer.**
Faith can pray specifically while still submitting to God's wisdom, will, and timing.
2. **Jesus is compassionate, but He is also sovereign.**
His love for us does not mean that our urgency, expectations, or preferred outcomes control Him.
3. **Trust is demonstrated through obedience.**
The servants did not understand what Jesus was doing, but they did what He told them to do.
4. **Human obedience does not produce divine power.**
The servants could fill the jars, draw the water, and carry it, but only Jesus could perform the transformation.
5. **Jesus brings God's saving purposes toward fulfillment.**
The purification jars, the biblical theme of cleansing, and the imagery of abundance help point us toward the greater salvation found in Christ.
6. **The sign is meant to lead us beyond the miracle to Jesus.**
The greatest thing at Cana was not the wine, it was the One who provided it.
7. **Seeing what Jesus does is not always the same as recognizing who Jesus is.**
The banquet master tasted the wine, the guests enjoyed it, the servants knew its source, but the disciples were being led to see His glory.
8. **Greater revelation should produce deeper faith.**
As the disciples saw more clearly who Jesus was, they had greater reason to trust Him.

THIS WEEK'S KEY STATEMENT

What Jesus does reveals who He is; and the more clearly we see who He is, the greater reason we have to trust Him.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does the sign at Cana reveal to me about who Jesus is?
2. When I bring a need to God, am I trusting Him with the answer or have I already decided how He should respond?
3. Is there an area of my life where I am struggling to trust God's timing because His timing does not match my urgency?
4. Has God made something clear in His Word that I am delaying because I do not yet understand how it will work out?
5. Am I willing to do what Christ has told me to do even when I cannot see where the instruction is leading?
6. Where might I be trying to accomplish through my own ability something that only God can do?
7. Have I become so accustomed to God's gifts that I sometimes fail to acknowledge the Giver?
8. Am I only impressed by what Jesus can do, or am I growing in my understanding of who Jesus is?
9. What have I learned about Jesus through this lesson that gives me greater reason to trust Him?
10. What is one practical way my deeper understanding of Jesus should affect the way I live, pray, or obey this week?