



The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson 2 Study Questions -- Water to Wine (John 2:1-11)

1. In what town does a wedding feast occur? (John 2:1)
2. Who is mentioned as being in attendance? (John 2:1-2)
 - Which disciples have been named thus far in the gospel of John? (Jn. 1:40-41, 43-45)
3. Who informs Jesus that they have run out of wine? (John 2:3)
 - In your opinion, why was Mary concerned that the hosts had run out of wine?
 - Does the fact that she informs Jesus of the problem imply that she thought that He could do something to solve it?
 - What were some of the things Mary had kept in her heart about Jesus that would not have been generally known by others? (cf. Luke 2:19, 51)
 - What does the mother of Jesus instruct the servants to do? (John 2:5)
4. What does Jesus say in response to Mary? (John 2:4)
 - Do the following passages indicate that Jesus' life and work were on a predetermined divine timetable? (John 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 17:1)
5. How many water pots were set out for purification? (John 2:6)
 - What were the pots made of?
 - Approximately how much liquid could each contain?
6. Who did Jesus tell to fill the water pots with water? (John 2:5, 7)
 - How full did they fill each pot?
 - Who drew the water out of the pots and took it to the master of the feast? (Jn. 2:8)
 - Did the master of the feast know the source of the wine he tasted? (John 2:9)
 - What did the master of the feast say to the groom? (John 2:10)
7. What two things resulted from this miracle? (John 2:11)
8. What are some things we learn about the power of Jesus from this miracle?
 - Is Jesus able to solve unsolvable problems when human resources fail?
 - Is He powerful enough to change something that is common into something that is extraordinary?
9. Because this miracle is often used to justify social drinking, it is important to consider the question of whether it in fact does justify drinking alcohol. Consider the following:
 - The word "wine" is used in Scripture to refer both to fermented and unfermented drink. (Isaiah 65:8; Matthew 9:17; Revelation 19:15)
 - Jesus lived under a law that forbade giving intoxicating wine to your neighbor (Habakkuk 2:15) or even looking at wine swirling in the cup (Proverbs 23:29-34)
 - Jesus authorized laws that forbade both drinking and drunkenness (1 Peter 4:3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)
 - Do you believe that Jesus would have made 150 gallons MORE of intoxicating wine to give to those who had already "well drunk"? (cf. John 2:10)