

Teaching Notes, John Chapter Two

Review – Why did John write his Gospel? So, you could believe and have life in his name (John 20:30-31)

Seven Miracles (Chapters 2 -11)

Seven I AM statements

John was:

- A fisherman
- In the Inner Circle
- Died a natural death, not martyred
- Wrote 1 Gospel; 3 Epistles; Book of Revelation
- Called: “The Beloved”

Key Metaphors in John

- Word (Logos)
- Light (phos)
- Grace (charis)

Structure of the Gospel

- John 1:1-14 Preexistent One
- John 1: 15-36 John the Baptist
- John 1:37-51 Call of the Disciples
- John 2-11 Book of signs
- John 12-21 Final Week

This portion of our study begins the Book of Signs and in Chapters 2 – 4 we have five things that become new:

- Chapter 2 New wine, New Temple
- Chapter 3 New Birth (Nicodemus), New well of water (living water)
- Chapter 4 New Worship – in Spirit and in Truth

Chapter Two: Changing Water into Wine; Cleansing of the Temple

Water into Wine

- Occasion – Wedding Feast
- Location – Cana of Galilee (verses Syria)
- Purpose – Manifest His Glory, disciples believed on Him (2:11) – Beginning of signs
- Mary
 - Special place – was it one of her relatives
 - Worried about the wine

- Had authority to speak to the servants
- Got Jesus involved
- Great humiliation of wine runs out
- Joseph – no mention
- Setting – a happy and joyous occasion
- Water Pots for purification – washing feet, and washing before and during meals

Insights and Implications

- Six Pots – number of imperfection – point – imperfection of Jewish law
- Wine – New wine expressing God's grace
- 100 Gallons – God's grace is abundant and sufficient for everybody and He has more than we need for any occasion.

Cleansing of the Temple

One distinctive of John's Gospel – much of his accounts have to do with Jesus and His ministry in Jerusalem, whereas the synoptic gospels focus on his ministry in Galilee

John's Gospel has Jesus attending three different Passovers, Feast of Tabernacles and Feast of Dedication

Passover – one of three mandatory feasts where every male had to attend (within 15 miles) The other two required feasts are Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Why Did Jesus Get Angry?

- Temple Tax – Just under two days wages for common laborer (all men 19 and older)
- Exchange Rate – and additional one day's wage
- Inspected and Approved Animals
- Court of the Gentiles – Mark 11:17
- Greed
- Extortion
- Irreverent Worship
- Denying the Gentiles their space – Desecration of the Temple

Insights and Implications

- Irreverent worship is abhorred by God
- Ripping off God's people in the name of religion is wrong
- Sacrificial System – will no longer be needed and will become completely irrelevant
- House of Prayer for the Nations (Genesis 12 – all nations blessed thru Abraham)

New Temple

- Zeal for your house has consumed me (Ps 69:9)
- What sign will you show us – authenticate who you are claiming to be – Messianic reference
- New Temple – not made with hands (Mark 14:58)
- Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body
- 1 Corinthians 3:16,17: Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? . If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
- Other miracles
- They believed in Him
- He trusted God alone – not man