

Lesson five: "Water to Wine" John 2

1. a wedding took place in Cana in Galilee.
Jesus mother was there as was Jesus & his disciples they had all been invited to the wedding.
2. When they ran out of wine, Jesus mother said to him, "they have no more wine".
3. Jesus says why involve me? My hour has not yet come! Notice how he calls her "WOMAN" - does the same in John 19:26 when on the cross "woman behold thy son."
(WOMAN)
4. Mary tells the servants to do whatever he tells you to do.
5. There were six stone jars each one would hold 20 to 30 gallons. (120-180 GAL.)
6. Jesus tells them to fill them with water and they did what he told them to do.
7. He tells them to "draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." No attention drawn to Jesus ---
8. The master of the feast tasted the water that had been turned into grape juice/wine
9. He did not realize where it had come from ---- but the servants did! (≠ disciples did)
10. He calls the bridegroom aside, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine" But you saved the best for last!

(Beginning of His ministry)

Jesus was on a mission, a mission to save the world. The greatest mission in the history of mankind... yet he took time to attend a wedding. Though his work was very important regarding our spiritual & eternal lives.

Even in our physical jobs and spiritual work we often take time to participate in social events. (We have the example of Jesus doing it!)

As Christians we can bring balance to our lives by bringing Jesus into times of pleasure as well as times of work.

Weddings in Jesus' day could be a week long! Banquets would be prepared for many guests in celebrating the start of a new life of the married couple. Often the whole town would be invited.

To accommodate that many people, it took a lot of careful planning. To run out of wine was more than embarrassing. It broke some strong unwritten laws of hospitality.

* Jesus was about to tend to a heartfelt need --

Mary was probably not asking Jesus to do a miracle: She was hoping that he could help solve this rather embarrassing problem and find a solution.

* tradition: says Joseph, Mary's husband was possibly dead at this point. (she was at the wedding feast, Jesus and his disciples were there. why was Joseph not there. possibly dead??)

Jesus' answer to Mary is difficult to understand. She did not know what Jesus was going to do, she trusted him to do something-- something right!

LESSON
LEARNED

* Those who believe in Jesus, and run into situations they don't understand, and feel they cannot deal with them. Must put their trust in Jesus, that he will work it out in the Best way!

Mary fully recognized that Jesus was much more than her human fleshly son. He was the "Son of God"!

LESSON
LEARNED

* When we bring our problems to Jesus, we probably think we know how we would like for him to take care of it. He may have a completely different plan.

Like Mary, we should submit and allow Jesus to deal with the problem as he sees best. TRUST & FAITH

The six stone water jars were normally used for ceremonial washing. When full these pots would hold 20 to 30 gallons.

According to the Jews' ceremonial law, people became symbolically clean by touching objects of everyday life. Before eating, the Jews would pour water over their hands to cleanse themselves of anything bad that may be associated with anything they may have touched.

people look everywhere but to God for excitement. They expect God to be dull and lifeless ---- just as the wine Jesus made was the best --
God Give Us the best -- Accept it!

Life with Jesus is better than without Him.

* Why wait until everything runs out and lets us down before trying God?

"Why save the Best till last"?

When the disciples saw Jesus' miracle, they believed & Probably Servants

The miracle showed his power over nature -- and revealed how he would go about his ministry -- Helping others, speaking with authority, and being up close and personal with people.

Miracles are not merely superhuman events -- but events that demonstrate God's power --

Jesus' miracles -- restoring sight, making the lame walk even raising the dead.

Miracle definition:

An extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs, such as healing

Lesson five: Water to Wine Questions.

1. Where did the wedding take place?
2. Who all was invited?
3. What happened when they ran out of wine?
4. What was Jesus' response to his mother?
5. What does Mary tell the servants to do?
6. What do you think she was expecting Jesus to do?
7. What did Jesus tell the servants to do?
8. What were the stone jars typically used for? How big were they?
9. What method did Jesus use to turn the water to wine?
10. Who was the first to taste the new wine?
"MASTER OF THE BANQUET" caterer?
11. What was his response?
12. What effect did this miracle have on disciples?

Lesson 6. Jesus Clears the Temple John 2:13

1. It was almost time for the Jewish Passover that took place in Jerusalem.
2. He found some people selling cattle, sheep and doves in the temple court yard.
3. Jesus made a whip out of cords and drove them out of the temple courts.
4. Jesus says: "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market place!"
5. Jesus scatters their coins and turns their tables over.
6. Jesus did not take this halfheartedly. He had a righteous anger.
Note: "He was angry but committed no sin"
7. Jesus was asked by the Jews, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do this?"
8. Destroy this temple and I will raise it again in three days.
9. They said it has taken 46 years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days!

10. The temple Jesus was talking about was his body. 1 Cor. 6:19 do you NOT know that your bodies ARE Temples of Holy S.? who is IN you, whom you HAVE recieved From God? YOU ARE NOT your OWN;
11. after Jesus was raised from the dead the disciples recalled what he had said.
12. They believed the scripture and the words Jesus had spoken.
13. Now while Jesus was in Jerusalem at the passover festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in him.

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2:13

The Passover celebration took place every year at the temple in Jerusalem. Every Jewish male was expected to make this trip to Jerusalem during this time.

This was a week long festival - the Passover was one day. The festival of unleavened bread lasted the rest of the week.

The entire week commemorated the freeing of the Jews from slavery in Egypt. Ex. 12
LAMB SACRIFICE

The temple was located in Jerusalem. Jewish families from all over the world would travel to Jerusalem during key feast and festivals. The temple was located on a hill overlooking the city.

2:14

The temple was always crowded during Passover with thousands of out of town visitors.... The religious leaders crowded it even further by allowing money changers and merchants to set up booths in the temple courts.

They rationalized this practice as a convenience for the worshippers and as a way to make money for the upkeep of the temple.

2:14

They didn't seem to care that the court was full of merchants and money changers, that the people found it difficult to worship.... And worship was the main reason people were coming to the temple. NO WONDER JESUS WAS ANGRY!

The temple tax was to be paid in local currency, so the foreigners had to have their money changed. The money changers would often charge them a huge amount for the service.

people were required to make animal sacrifices for sins. Because of the long journey they would have to make many could not bring their own animals. Often times the animals they were able to bring were rejected for imperfections.

So those selling animals had a flourishing business in the temple court. Not to mention the price of sacrificial animals were much higher in the temple area than elsewhere

John

2:14

Jesus was angry at the dishonest, greedy practices of the money changers and Merchants, and he particularly disliked their presence on the temple grounds.

"They were making a mockery of God's house of worship!"

* Note: This was the first time Jesus cleared the temple. About 3 years later Jesus cleared the temple a 2nd time. This occurred at the end of Jesus ministry Matt 21:12-17

2:14-16

God's temple was being misused by people who had turned it into a market place. They had forgotten or didn't care that the temple was a place of worship, not a place for making money.

Lesson learned: Make sure you attend worship services to worship God!

2:15-16

Jesus was obviously angry at the money changers & merchants who took advantage of those who came to worship.

There is a difference between uncontrolled rage and righteous indignation - Anger.

yet both are called anger.

We need to be very careful how we use the powerful emotion of anger.

- It's okay to be angry about injustice and sin.
- It is wrong to be angry over trivial things.
Eph. 4:26
"Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger."

2:15-16

Jesus made a whip and chased out the money changers -- Certain authority is granted to some but not all.

- Police have authority to arrest someone but the general public does not.
- Judges have authority to sentence people to prison -- not individual citizens.

Jesus had God's authority, something we do not have other than through scripture.

While we want to live like Christ, we should never try to claim authority where it has not been given to us.

2:17

Jesus took the evil acts in the temple as an insult to God, He did not deal with them half-heartedly.

2:17 He was consumed with a righteous anger against such disrespect for God.

2:19-20 When Jesus said, "destroy this temple and I will raise it again in three days."
The Jews understood Jesus to mean the physical temple in Jerusalem. They were thinking Jesus was saying this building could be torn down and be rebuilt in three days! they were startled.

2:20-21 Jesus was not talking about the temple made with stones, but his body.
His listeners didn't realize it, but Jesus was greater than the temple.

Matt. 12:6

"I tell you that something greater than the temple is here".

His words would take on meaning for his disciples after his resurrection.

Jesus knew the faith of some of the followers was superficial -- some of these same people would soon be yelling Crucify him. It's easy to believe when everyone else does.

(Peter)
"Keep your faith firm even when it is not popular to follow Jesus!"

Lesson 6. "Jesus cleans the temple" Questions

1. We see Jesus in the temple, what time of year was it, what was going on?
2. What city did this take place in?
3. What did Jesus find going on in the temple?
4. How did it make him feel?
5. What was he saying (yelling) to them? made my fathers house
A MARKET PLACE
6. Besides driving them out with a whip, what else did he do in anger?
7. What question did the Jews ask Jesus after he cleaned them from the temple? A sign to Prove his
Authority
8. What was Jesus response? destroy This Temple, I will Raise it in 3 days
9. They were astonished by what Jesus said. (over)

10. What did they think Jesus meant - when he said --- "Destroy this temple and I will raise it again in three days"? (after all it took 46 years to build) YOU CAN DO IT IN 3 DAYS

11. What did Jesus actually mean?

* what did the disciples remember after Jesus had risen from the grave? He Rose ON 3RD DAY

12. What else was Jesus doing at the Passover festival? Teaching & Performing Signs - wonders

13. What effect did it have on those who saw what he was doing? MANY SAW & believed
Jesus knew their heart -- some were superficial going along with crowd. some of these very people praising him would soon be calling for Him to be crucified!

John 4

Woman at the Well

FACTS

1. Human Nature of Jesus
2. Impartiality of Jesus
3. Sharing the Good News of Jesus

Principles

1. Being aware of opportunities to share news of Jesus
2. Finding common ground
3. Trusting God to help you sow the seed
4. Offering hope not judgement

Applications

1. Not being afraid to ask questions
2. To be willing to tell Jesus anything
3. Studying- hearing directly from Jesus

Questions

1. Why was Jesus thirsty and tired ?
2. Where had the disciples gone to , and why ?
3. What was the relationship between the Samaritans and Jews ?
4. What was the “ living water “ that Jesus talked about ?
5. Who did the woman think Jesus was ? And why ?
6. Describe the woman’s focus , after talking with Jesus ?
7. Who came to hear Jesus teach in person ?

Matthew 5-7 , Luke 6:20-29

Sermon on the mount

Lesson Facts:

1. Jesus teaches a new way to live
2. Jesus gives warnings
3. Jesus teaches us how to pray
4. Many will choose destruction

Principle:

1. Blessedness of Jesus
2. Value of salt
3. Honor of our word
4. Loving our enemies
5. Treasures in heaven
6. Making good choices
7. Foundations

Application:

1. Allowing the virtues (goodness) of Jesus to work in and through us
2. Being a good influence on others
3. Letting others see the love we have for the Lord
4. Being good to others when they are bad to us
5. Removing things in our lives that distract us from serving Jesus
6. Not doing things just to be recognized
7. Not worrying about things we have no control over

Questions:

1. What do you think it means to be blessed ?
2. What are some uses of salt ?
3. Which is stronger - darkness or light ? *JOHN 1:5*
4. In all of eternity - what hasn't been abolished ?
5. What are some things that might keep us from serving God ?
6. What are some ways we can go the extra mile for others ?
7. Why is it easier to love people who are nice to you ?
8. Will just believing there is a God cause us to go to heaven ?
9. How long does a sand castle last in the rain ? Why ?

QUARTER 1

LESSON 9

Jesus' Healing Power

John 4; Matt. 8; Matt. 9

Lesson Facts:

1. Jesus heals a nobleman's son
 2. The nobleman believes without seeing
 3. The nobleman's family believe also
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1. Jesus heals a leper
 2. The leper acknowledges that Jesus has the power to heal
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1. Jesus heals a paralytic
 2. Jesus can forgive sins
 3. Jesus knows our thoughts
 4. God is glorified

Principles

1. Believing Jesus has the power to heal
2. Having a humble and submissive heart to Jesus
3. Understanding how Jesus sees us
4. Having pure hearts (Matt. 9:4)
5. Believing Jesus has the power to forgive sins

Applications

1. Pleading (begging) Jesus for his help is something we need to do
2. Having the right heart (attitude) when talking to Jesus
3. Be willing to go out of the way , make sacrifices for (who) we love
4. Believing and trusting Jesus can influence family and friends

Questions

1. How far would you go to get a life saving cure for someone you love?
2. Did Jesus go to the Nobleman's son to heal him ?
3. How did Jesus heal the boy ?
4. Why do you think large crowds followed Jesus ?
5. What is leprosy ?
6. What does " I'm not worthy " mean ?
7. How can we glorify God ?

QUARTER 1 LESSON 10

John 5 ; Matthew 12

Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath Facts

1. Jesus has the power to heal anytime
2. God and Jesus are always working
3. Jesus like God , gives life to whoever He wishes
4. God has given all judgement to His son

Principles

1. In Jesus , we find our rest Matthew 11:28
2. In Jesus , we are comforted.... 1 Corinthians 1:3-7
3. In Jesus , we will have peace.... Philippians 4:9
4. In Jesus , we are to be Holy.... 1 Peter 1:14-16

Applications

1. Any day of the week is the right day to do good
2. Remembering Jesus and keeping ourselves Holy
3. Our "friends" may twist the truth to prove us wrong
4. Having faith in Jesus will give us courage to obey Him

Questions (Matthew 12)

1. What were the disciples and Jesus accused of doing ?
2. Who was greater than the temple (old law) ?
3. Why is Jesus the Lord of the Sabbath ?
4. How did Jesus heal the withered hand ?
5. What did the Pharisees do after the healing ?

Questions (John 5)

1. How long had the man been ill ?
2. What was this man accused of by the Jews ?
3. Who did the man say made him well ?

4. How long has God and Jesus been working ? Explain ?
5. Who does Jesus say He sees doing good ?
6. Who has eternal life ? (verse 24)

Matthew 12-13
Parables of fruit, sower, and tares

FACTS

1. Good trees produce good fruit
2. Our words will justify or condemn us
3. Seed must be sown to grow
4. All soils are not alike
5. God's word is the seed

PRINCIPLES

1. Nurturing good healthy trees will provide good healthy fruit
2. What we say and do will influence those around us
3. Difficulties in life will defeat us or make us stronger

APPLICATIONS

1. Filling your heart with good thoughts
2. Saying and doing nice things for others
3. Telling our friends about Jesus
4. Jesus will help us , in all things hard

QUESTIONS

1. How are we known by our fruit ?
2. What are some things people say that are hurtful ?
3. What are some things people say that are helpful (encouraging) ?
4. Why doesn't every seed that is sown grow strong ?
5. Should we be picky with who we talk to about Jesus ?
6. What do tares (weeds) have a bad reputation ?
7. What are the dangers of pulling weeds that are mixed with the flowers ?
8. What does the Lord say about trials (weeds) ? JAMES 1:2-3

QUARTER 1 LESSON 12

Matthew 13

MUSTARD SEED, LEAVEN, TREASURES, and DRAGNET

FACTS

1. The Kingdom of Heaven (God) Grows
2. Leaven Causes Growth
3. God's Word is to be Treasured
4. The Gospel is Like a Dragnet ; separating the good from bad

PRINCIPLES

1. Sharing the Gospel
2. Starts small ; affects us inwardly
3. Not being discouraged , God causes the growth
4. Making sacrifices to obtain the treasure (Gospel)
5. The Word of God will define the righteous and unrighteous

APPLICATIONS

1. Jesus was to most people -unimpressive (small)
2. Jesus' death was to many -insignificant
3. Teaching the Gospel to one person who teaches another.....
4. God's word teaches us what is right and wrong

QUESTIONS

1. What is the kingdom of heaven compared to ?
2. What needs to happen to a seed before it can grow ?
3. Does the size of the seed determine the size of the plant ?
4. List some good things and bad things (2020) that spread ?
5. How long will worldly belongings last ?
6. Why is it Important to treasure the Gospel ?
7. What is a dragnet ?
8. What does 1 Peter 2:9 say about being chosen ?

Matthew 14 , John 9

**JESUS FEEDING THE 5000 AND HEALS BLIND MAN
FACTS**

1. Many people follow Jesus from the city
2. Jesus has compassion on the sick and heals them
3. Jesus blesses the food before feeding thousands

1. Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth
2. Many Jews refused to believe it was really him
3. The blind man believed Jesus was the Lord

PRINCIPLES

1. Jesus cares about the welfare of his followers
2. Jesus expects us to help spread the word
3. We need to trust that Jesus will supply us with what we need
4. As the blind man did we must obey the Lord to be healed

APPLICATIONS

1. Putting others ahead of self
2. Focusing on God will take our minds off of our wants
3. Nothing we face on earth is too big for God
4. Always asking God to bless what we're doing to glorify Him
5. Believing those who truly care about us

QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus feel for the crowd who were following Him ?
2. Why didn't Jesus let the crowd leave to go eat ?
3. Who did Jesus tell to feed the people ?
4. How could the food provided satisfy at least 5000 people ?
5. What did it mean when Jesus blessed the food ?
6. How long had the man been blind ?
7. What did the disciples think caused his blindness ?
8. Why were the Pharisees upset with Jesus ?