

High Level Outline of the Gospel of John

I. Prologue (1:1-18)

II. Jesus's Public Ministry (1:19-12:50)

- 1:19-34 The testimony of John
- 1:35-51 The call of the disciples (aka the testimony of the called)
- 2:1-12 The miracle at Cana (today) <== **You are Here**
- 2:13-23 The cleansing of the Temple

III. Jesus's Ministry to his own (13:1-20:31)

IV. Epilogue (21:1-25)

What do the accounts of the miracle at Cana and the cleansing of the Temple have to do with each other?

John's topical arrangement of material

- The action in the Gospel centers around five visits to Jerusalem for a Jewish feast
- This may shed light on the apparent discrepancy vis a vis the Synoptics on the timing of the clearing of the Temple.

The wedding feast miracle (the seventh day)

- The main theme is Christological, the glory of Christ.
- A sign: 120 gallons of messianic wine in contrast to the emptiness of Jewish legalism

John's distinctive treatment of *believing*

- A long-running theme in his Gospel, continued in his first epistle

The Cleansing of the Temple

- Another sign
- Next week, we'll explore the Temple replacement theme in more depth

The questionable faith of the crowd

- A median response and a play on words.