

The Glory & Authority of Jesus

John 2:1-25

Key Verse: 2:11

1. Read verses 1-2. What is the time of this event? Where did it occur? How is this event connected with the events in chapter 1? What does it suggest about Jesus that he began his ministry at a wedding banquet?
2. Read verses 3-5. What problem arose? Who informed Jesus about the problem? What does this tell us about her? Why did she tell Jesus? How did Jesus answer her? Why did he answer her in this way? What do you think he meant by "My time has not yet come"?
3. How did Jesus' mother respond to his seeming refusal? How did she prepare an environment in which Jesus could work? What can we learn from her?
4. Read verses 6-7. What did Jesus tell the servants to do? Describe the jars. What was their probable use? Why might it be hard for the servants to obey Jesus at that time? What did they do? What does filling the jars to the brim show about the attitude of the servants?
5. Read verses 8-10. What did Jesus tell the servants to do next? Why might this be hard? What did they do? What had happened to the water? How did the banquet master become an unwitting witness to Jesus' power? Who knew what had happened? Who didn't know? What blessing did each one at the wedding banquet receive?
6. Read verse 11. How does changing water into wine symbolize Jesus' ministry? What does it mean that Jesus revealed his glory? (Look also at 1:14) What does it mean that Jesus' disciples put their faith in him?
7. Read verses 12-25. When and where did the second event take place? What did Jesus find when he went into the temple? What did he do? What did he say? What was the temple that its misuse should make Jesus so angry? (See 2 Ch 7:12-16; 6:10b-11; 5:7; Ex 25:8,22). How should the temple be used? (Lk 19:46) What was the problem of the religious leaders? (1 Ti 6:10)
8. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' actions? (17, Ps 69:9) When did the disciples really understand? (22) How did the Jewish leaders respond? (18) How did Jesus answer them? (19) What did Jesus mean? (21) How did Jesus become the temple? (21,22)