

The Gospel of John
Lesson 3 Study Guide
Chapter 2: 1-25

In Lesson 3, we learn about three events that reveal more about Jesus and His ministry: His glory is shown with the first miracle at the wedding at Cana, His zeal for doing the Father's will with the confrontations with buyers and sellers at temple, and His knowledge of what is in the hearts and minds of professed believers.

Memory Verse: *This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him. (John 2:11).*

1. To start this lesson, read John 2:1-25. Then **re-read John 2:1-12.**
2. Who was at this wedding? _____
3. Why do you think Mary told Jesus about the need for more wine and told the servants to do whatever He told them (Verses 3-8) _____

4. What did Jesus mean by his response to Mary in Verse 4? Was He refusing her? _____

5. Rather than a big miracle in front thousands of people, during a huge occasion, note the when, where, and why of turning water into wine that made it in line with the humility of Jesus? **When:** _____

Where: _____

Why: _____

6. What does this passage tell you about Mary's faith in Jesus and what does it tell you about how your own faith in Jesus should be?

7. What is the main lesson from verses 1-12? How will you apply this to your life?

Next, read John 2:13-22.

8. Where did Jesus go next (Verse 13) and who was with Him (Verse 17)? _____

9. What did Jesus see and what was His reaction? (also see Mark 11:15-18) What was His command to the sellers? _____

10. What were some of the rules in the Scriptures for temple sacrifices? (see Deut. 6:1-6)

11. Define the word “zeal” (Psalm 69:9 quoted in John 2:17). _____

12. Jesus disciples reacted by remembering the Messianic Psalm which convinced them more deeply that Jesus was the Messiah. What was the reaction of the Jews described in Verses 18 – 21 to the temple incident? _____

13. What was Jesus response to the Jews question about a sign He could show them? What did He mean by “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up”? _____

“We have here the tremendous truth that our contact with God, our entry into his presence and our approach to him are not dependent on anything that human hands can build or human minds devise. In the street, in the home, at business, on the hills, on the open road or in church, we have our inner temple, the presence of the risen Christ forever with us throughout all the world.” William Barclay, “The Gospel of John, Volume One: 1 (The New Daily Study Bible)

14. When did Jesus’ disciples finally believe His words in Verse 19 about destroying the temple (also see Verse 22)? _____

15. What do you suppose the disciples learned from the “cleansing of the temple”? What did they learn about the Lord? _____

16. What is the main lesson from verses 13-22? How will you apply this to your life?

Next, read John 2:23-25

17. Verse 23 says that “many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.” Does believing in a miracle also mean that the person believes in Jesus Christ? Explain: _____

18. What is another reason why Jesus displayed His godly power? _____

19. How does the Lord know we really believe in Him? (see Revelation 2:23, Matthew 9:4)

20. What is the main lesson from verses 23-25? How will you apply this to your life?

Special Thought: If you were to summarize the message of John 2:1-25 in one sentence, what would you say? _____
