

# **John 2**

## **John 2.1-12**

**V 1** – Three days later

**V 2** – Good point by Guy N. Woods in the *Gospel Advocate Commentary on John*: They were invited to a wedding feast (they were not ascetics)

-1 *Timothy 4.3* – Some would forbid marriage, but God created marriage for our happiness

**V 3** – How embarrassing for the host – we hate to run out of food today

-Several years ago at our congregation we ran out of food at a pot-luck dinner when our college kids came home for a break - they are always hungry!

-Someone had to go out for some fast food

-Mary appealed to her son Jesus

-**What would this suggest?** She knew who he was

**V 4** – **What is the meaning of Jesus' reply?** *John 17.1* – The crucifixion was his "hour" – he hesitated about revealing his power before then

**V 5** – **Mary's instructions?** Do as Jesus says (a great policy for all the ages)

**V 6** – **Describe the containers:** Six pots (about 20 gallons each)

**V 7** – John really nails down the evidence: "*filled to the brim*"

-There is no way for this miracle to be disproven (this was not just good wine mixed with water – no way)

**V 8** – Taken to the headwaiter

**V 9** – The headwaiter was startled

**V 10** – **What was the normal custom?** To serve good wine first

-**Why?** Drunk people don't care about taste

-Wine: See *1 Cor. 8.13, 2 Cor. 6.3, Romans 14.20-21, 1 Tim. 5.23* (a little wine), Good Samaritan (*Luke 10.34*)

-Drunkenness: *Titus 1.7, 2.3, Eph. 5.18*

**V 11** – This was the first of the seven great miracles in the book of *John*

**V 12** – Jesus had half-brothers (the "*perpetual virginity*" of Mary is a myth)

-*Matt. 13.55-56*: James, Joses, Simon, Judas

-His disciples at this time: John, Andrew, Peter, Philip, Nathanael

-*Luke 2.7* – Jesus was Mary's first-born son

-*Matt. 1.25* – Joseph "knew" Mary after the birth of Jesus

-The Catholic Church says that these were not half-brothers of Christ, but his cousins

- But there is another word for *cousin* in the New Testament - See *Col. 4.10*
- Why did the Catholic Church come up with the doctrine of the "perpetual virginity" of Mary?** Because of their basic view that sex fleshly and therefore "dirty"
- This is why they do not allow priests and nuns to marry

## **John 2.13-22**

**V 13** – Summarize the feast of Passover (*Exod. 12*)

- This is one of the three passages definitely mentioned – *6.4, 11.55ff*
- Also *5.1* may refer to the Passover

**V 14** – There were two cleansings of the temple

- The Synoptics (*Matthew, Mark, Luke*) refer to one late in the ministry of Jesus
- John records this one early in the ministry of Jesus
- Why were there all these animals in the temple?** For various sacrifices under the Old Law
- Why didn't people bring their own animals?** Many had come from foreign countries, etc.

**V 15** – Jesus had moral righteousness on his side here

- How did he drive the people and animals out?** With a whip

**V 16** – **Why didn't Jesus say, "Our father's house"?** His kinship with the Father is different from ours

- Too many churches today are guilty of using the name of religion for making money
- Examples?** Craft fairs, used clothing sales, bingo games, carnivals, selling Christmas trees, pancake breakfasts, etc.

**V 17** – Quote from *Psalms 69.9* – interesting to read (with the preceding verses in *Psalms 69*)

- Meaning?** Jesus was full of zeal for God the Father

**V 18** – This act certainly got the attention of the Jewish leaders

- What question did they ask?** By what authority are you doing these things?
- Brother Woods: two signs already: water to wine and the cleansing of the temple (no ordinary man would have dared to try to do this)

**V 19** – Notice that the Jews didn't dispute that what Jesus had done was right (maybe they inwardly knew that this money-changing and selling animals was evil and contrary to the will of God)

- How did Jesus answer their question?** Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days
- Where is the body called the temple of God?** *1 Cor. 6.19*

**V 22** – **What was the reaction of the Jews?** Unbelieving

- Which temple are they thinking about?** Herod's

**V 21** – The apostle John adds an explanation: Jesus was speaking of his own body

**V 22** – John was writing in retrospect – maybe even he did not understand it at the time

- We remember Scriptures – they become clear to us later – See *James 5.16*

## **John 2.23-25**

**V 23** – What did Jesus do during Passover? Miracles

**V 24** – Their belief apparently was not deep

**-If he had entrusted himself to them, what would they have probably done?** Made him king

**V 25** – He could read the hearts of the people

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