

Sermon Notes: Book of John Part 5 | Pastor Josh | Wednesday Night Bible Study

I. Introduction

- Recap of previous session: Jesus calling His disciples (John 1)
- Importance of introducing people to Christ, even when unsure

II. Jesus's First Miracle: Wedding at Cana

1. Scripture Reference: John 2:1-11

- **Verses 1-2:** Jesus, His mother, and disciples attend a wedding in Cana.
- **Verses 3-5:** Mary informs Jesus of the lack of wine; Jesus responds, indicating His time has not yet come. Mary instructs the servants to follow Jesus's commands.
- **Verses 6-8:** Jesus instructs the servants to fill six stone water jars with water and take some to the master of the feast.
- **Verses 9-10:** The master of the feast tastes the water turned into wine, noting its high quality.
- **Verse 11:** This first sign reveals Jesus's glory, leading His disciples to believe in Him.

2. Significance of the Miracle

- Jesus's concern for small details in our lives.
- Symbolism of the stone water jars used for purification.
- Application: God uses ordinary people for extraordinary purposes.

III. Cleansing of the Temple

1. Scripture Reference: John 2:13-22

- **Verses 13-14:** Jesus visits the temple during Passover and finds it filled with merchants and money changers.

- **Verses 15-16:** Jesus makes a whip of cords and drives out the merchants, overturning tables and instructing them to stop making His Father's house a marketplace.
- **Verse 17:** Disciples remember the scripture: "Zeal for your house will consume me" (Psalm 69:9).
- **Verses 18-19:** Jews demand a sign; Jesus responds, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."
- **Verses 20-22:** Jews misunderstand, thinking He refers to the physical temple; John explains Jesus meant His body. After the resurrection, disciples remember and believe the scripture and Jesus's words.

2. **Significance of the Event**

- Cultural and religious context of Passover.
- Disruption of worship, particularly for Gentiles, due to commercialization.
- Jesus's righteous indignation and prophetic reference to His resurrection.

IV. Application and Themes

1. **Faithfulness and Divine Purpose**

- Emphasis on trusting God's plan and presence in life.
- Encouragement to remain faithful and obedient, even when feeling inadequate.

2. **Transformative Power of Christ**

- Jesus's ability to transform ordinary elements and lives.
- Call to action for believers to allow Jesus to work through them.

V. Conclusion

- Summary of key points from John Chapter 2.
- Encouragement for believers to trust in God's plan and be faithful in their walk with Christ.
- Reminder of the importance of recognizing and believing in the transformative power of Jesus.