

FRONTLINE

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A Closer Look at Jesus- John ch.2

Jesus Changes Water to Wine

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."

- Why does Jesus mean by "my time has not yet come"?

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.^[a]

⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

- Why did someone else's servants listen to Jesus?

⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

- If you were one of the servants what would you be thinking? If you were Jesus?
- What can we learn about God/Jesus in what He did here?

¹¹This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

- Why did it take this for the disciples to really begin to put their faith in them? Do you think we have the same reasons today?

Jesus Clears the Temple

¹²After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he

scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

- What does this show us about Jesus, and how does it differ from the account we just read?

¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."^[b]

¹⁸Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

-Why didn't Jesus just make a rabbit appear, or float or something to prove himself to these men?

²³Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name.^[c] ²⁴But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. ²⁵He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

- If they were believing in Jesus, why would he not entrust himself to them?

Challenge: Think about the two different sides of Jesus we see in these accounts. What does it mean to you, and are you already beginning to see Jesus in a new way?