

JOHN:

1On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; 2and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus *said to Him, "They have no wine." 4And Jesus *said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." 5His mother *said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." 6Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. 7Jesus *said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim. 8And He *said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him. 9When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter *called the bridegroom, 10and *said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when *the people* have drunk freely, *then he* serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." 11This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him. 12After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days. **John 2:1-12 NASB**

- Jesus, His disciples, and His mother are invited to a wedding in Cana of Galilee.
 - They run out of wine and Mary tells Jesus about the 'wine shortage'. (v3)
 - Jesus replies..." What does that matter to me? My hour has not yet come."
 - This wine shortage has several implications.
 - This wedding is actually a week-long open house, where you would entertain people all week...running out of wine on day one is not a good thing...very embarrassing!
 - In that day, the wedding guests customarily brought wine with them to contribute to the seven day celebration.
 - There is no indication that Jesus and his 'crew' brought any wine as a gift.
 - Maybe Mary saw this as an opportunity for some vindication on her part?
 - Mary gives the servants and all of us a great piece of advice..." Whatever He says to you, do it!"
 - There were six stone (earthenware) pots (20–30-gallon capacity for each) and Jesus tells them to fill them all.
 - When the pots were filled with water, Jesus instructs the servants to take a cup to the head waiter...the water had become fine wine...
 - At the Word of Jesus, the ordinary water had become something extraordinary! This is TRANSFORMATION!
 - This is the first 'sign' which manifested His glory and caused His disciples to believe at a new level. (v11). (See **John 1:50-51**)

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Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father. **John 14:12 NASB**

- Passover, Cleansing the Temple, more miracles, and more believers.

13The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated *at their tables*. 15And He made a scourge of cords, and drove *them* all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; 16and to those who were selling the doves He said, “**Take these things away; stop making My Father’s house a place of business.**” 17His disciples remembered that it was written, “ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME.” 18The Jews then said to Him, “What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?” 19Jesus answered them, “**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**” 20The Jews then said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” 21But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

23Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing. 24But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men. **John 2:13-24 NASB**

- Jesus turns over the money changers tables and casts out those making the house of God into a ‘Quick Trip’.

Then to those who sold the doves He said, Take these things away (out of here)! Make not My Father's house a house of merchandise (a marketplace, a sales shop)! [Ps. 93:5.] **John 2:16 AMPC**

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells. **Psalm 26:8 AMPC**

Your testimonies are very sure; holiness [apparent in separation from sin, with simple trust and hearty obedience] is becoming to Your house, O Lord, forever. **Psalm 93:5 AMPC**

Your testimonies are fully confirmed; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore. **Psalm 93:5 NASB**

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- Jesus gives His accusers 'fuel for their fire' in **v18-21**...they had no concept that the temple that He was referring to was His body and not a building.
 - **V22**..."they believed in the Scripture and the Word which Jesus had spoken...they believed the Scripture at a new level! Old and new revelations function together under the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - John is writing not so we might understand all mysteries but so that we might have life in His name. **Rodney A. Whitacre**
 - **V22-25** Jesus knows what is in the heart of every man.

Then hear from heaven, Your dwelling place, and forgive, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart You know; for You, You only, know men's hearts, **2 Chronicles 6:30 AMPC**

You know my downsitting and my uprising; You understand my thought afar off. [Matt. 9:4; John 2:24, 25.] **Psalm 139:2 AMPC**

20 If we had forgotten the name of our God or stretched out our hands to a strange god, 21 would not God discover this? For He knows the secrets of the heart. **Psalm 44:20-21 AMPC**

And they prayed and said, You, Lord, Who know all hearts (their thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, purposes, and endeavors), indicate to us which one of these two You have chosen. **Acts 1:24 AMPC**

He knows us thoroughly and loves us eternally.