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Miraculous Signs John 2 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

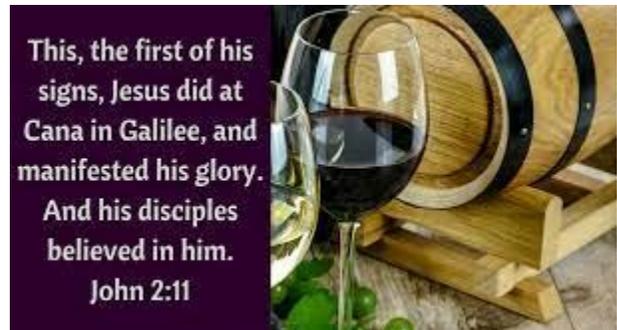
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

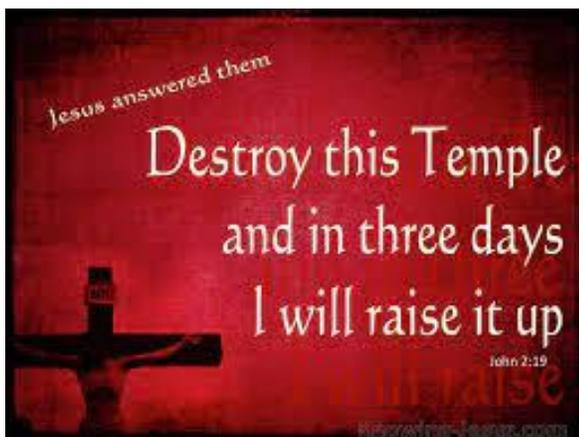
❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.
John 2:11

In John Chapter 2 Jesus starts His public ministry. This is the first miracle recorded that Jesus does for the public. Following this miracle Jesus chases the money changers and the people running the market out of the temple. He has a passion for the temple and wants all to be included. As Jesus starts His ministry some people will question Him and others will follow Him. Join us this week as we look at what leads the people to the decision that they make. How do we decided what is truth?



Turning Water into Wine

2 Now on the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine left." ⁴ Jesus replied, "Woman, why are you saying this to me? My time has not yet come." ⁵ His mother told the servants, "Whatever he tells you, do it."

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washing, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus told the servants, "Fill the water jars with water." So they filled them up to the very top. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the head steward," and they did. ⁹ When the head steward tasted the water that had been turned to wine, not knowing where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), he called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the cheaper wine when the guests are drunk. You have kept the good wine until now!" ¹¹ Jesus did this as the first of his miraculous signs, in Cana of Galilee. In this way he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Cleansing the Temple

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there a few days. ¹³ Now the Jewish feast of Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ He found in the temple courts those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers sitting at tables. ¹⁵ So he made a whip of cords and drove them all out of the temple courts, with the sheep and the oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold the doves he said, "Take these things away from here! Do not make my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "***Zeal for your house will devour me.***"

¹⁸ So then the Jewish leaders responded, "What sign can you show us, since you are doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus replied, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up again." ²⁰ Then the Jewish leaders said to him, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and are you going to raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² So after he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the saying that Jesus had spoken.

Jesus at the Passover Feast

²³ Now while Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Feast of the Passover, many people believed in his name because they saw the miraculous signs he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people. ²⁵ He did not need anyone to testify about man, for he knew what was in man.

🕒 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

1. Why do you think that Mary would believe that Jesus could get them more wine?
2. Why did Jesus turn the water to wine?
3. Why did Jesus drive out the money changers?
4. Was it right for the Jewish leaders to ask for a sign to authenticate Jesus as a man of God?
5. The sign that Jesus refers to does not happen for years. Why didn't Jesus give better evidence about who He was?
6. In verse 23 why did people believe in Jesus?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes