

## John 2: Jesus Invited to the Wedding

### John 2:1-12: THE WATER THAT WAS MADE WINE

1. JOHN 2:1

“On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.”

—**chiastic structure**—beginning of chapter—pointing to Jesus’ resurrection announced at the end of the chapter.

2. JOHN 2:2

—**Present at the wedding:** Jesus, His disciples, His mother

3. JOHN 2:3

—**No wine=no joy** (**Jeremiah 48:33**)

—In other words, a devastating situation.

—In the context of Messiah, wine is a joy and gift from God (**Isaiah 25:6**)

4. JOHN 2:4

—**Correcting the Jewish expectations of the Messiah**

—He must suffer first before He can be King (**Matt. 16:21-27; Matt. 20:20-23**)

5. JOHN 2:5

—Jesus’ mother **acknowledged His authority**

6. JOHN 2:6-8

—Filling the water pots vs. drawing some out

7. JOHN 2:9-10

—Prophetically pointing to Jesus as the Bridegroom in the Messianic Kingdom, or Millennial Kingdom (1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ—see Rev. 20)

—Abundance from the land and the marriage itself (**Joel 3:17-18; Song of Songs 2:4-5; 4:10**)

8. JOHN 2:11

—**law of firsts** (or first use); usually most important and sets tone for future

9. JOHN 2:12

—**Capernaum**, on the shores of the sea of Galilee, Jesus’ home base

—“not many days” because Jesus was sent to preach in other cities (**Luke 4:42-44**)

## John 2:13-25: ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE HAS EATEN ME UP

### 1. JOHN 2:13-17

- Passover** (First feast of the Jews, in the spring, the first pilgrimage feast)
- Jerusalem, in the temple** (2nd temple period—the temple initially rebuilt by Zerubbabel (see the book of Ezra) and refurbished by Herod the Great)
- Jesus drove out those who were **doing business in the temple**
- He was angry** because the Jews were making His Father’s house into a house of merchandise (**Matt. 6:24**).
- Psalm 69 gives us a picture of the heartache of Jesus as it relates to unrighteousness (**Psalm 69:8-12**).

### 2. JOHN 2:18-22

- The Jews asked for a sign** (**1 Cor. 1:22; Matt. 16:4**).
- Jesus pointed to **His resurrection** as the sign that He is the Messiah
- The Jews believed God dwelt **in the temple they built** according to the Mosaic Covenant, but God was doing a new thing through the New Covenant (**Acts 7:44-50**)
- Jesus’ disciples, being Jews themselves, didn’t understand these things at first.** But after His resurrection (and the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost) they did.

### 3. JOHN 2:23-25

- Get a sense of Jesus’ understanding of humanity personally and **His grief over humanity’s sin**
- Since **the fall of creation** in Genesis 3, no man or woman made in His image could walk with God in the garden in the cool of the day (**Genesis 3:8**).
- Jesus Himself was the One sent to **restore** sinful man’s relationship back to God

#### 10 Names/Titles for Jesus in John 1

The Word (John 1:1)  
The True Light (John 1:9)  
Jesus Christ (John 1:17)  
The Lamb of God (John 1:29)  
The Son of God (John 1:34)  
Rabbi (John 1:38)  
The Messiah (John 1:41)  
Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph (John 1:45)  
The King of Israel (John 1:49)  
The Son of Man (John 1:51)