

The Gospel According to John: The Word Became Flesh

Lesson 4: First Sign & First Temple Cleansing
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Review

- * When John the Baptizer pointed his followers to Jesus, they left everything to follow Him.
 - * Jesus chose ordinary men to be his disciples, then used them to do extraordinary things.
 - * Some of their greatest, recorded accomplishments consisted of simply bringing others to the Lord.
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First Sign (John 2:1-11) & First Temple Cleansing (John 2:12-25)

► Explore It

1. What was the setting of the first miraculous sign of Jesus' ministry? (2:1-3)
- * 2. What conversation did Mary have with her son, Jesus? (2:3-4)
3. What did Jesus have the servants do? (2:6-8)
- * 4. What happened to the water and how did the headwaiter react? (2:9-10)
5. How did Jesus' disciples respond to this miracle? (2:11)
6. What time of year was it when Jesus went to Jerusalem? (2:13)
7. What did Jesus find in the temple courts? (2:14)
- * 8. What did Jesus do in the temple courts? (2:15-16)
- * 9. What did Jesus' disciples remember? (2:17)
10. What did the Jews demand from Jesus and how did He respond? (2:18)
- * 11. In what way did the Jews misunderstand Jesus' temple reference? (2:20-22)
- * 12. How did the people respond to Jesus' miracles? (2:23)
13. What was Jesus' response to those who believed in Him? (2:24-25)

► Get It

- * 14. What is something you would like Jesus to change in your life?
15. How does Jesus reveal His glory to us today?
- * 16. How has Jesus cleansed our lives?
17. In what ways do people accuse the church of being corrupt or hypocritical?
- * 18. What sign has Jesus given us to believe in?
19. Why is it sometimes hard to recognize how God is working in our lives?

► Apply It

20. What was the nature of the wine that Jesus created?
 - * 21. What will you ask Jesus to clear out of your life this week?
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Related Topics

- * God saves the best until last: creation, dispensations, revelation (Heb 1:2), Christian maturity, & salvation
- * What was the purpose of Jesus' signs? What was the occasion of the second temple cleansing by Jesus?
- * God's people were called Hebrews, Israelites & Jews, but who were the "Jews" that John spoke against?

Note: Study guides for this series of lessons are available on the Internet at www.howellfamily.us/john.htm