
The demanding human heart

*Jn 2:18 The Jews **demanded of him**, "What miraculous sign can you show us to **prove** your **authority** to do all this?"*

The expectations are:

- a. P _____ yourself.
- b. Prove yourself in the w _____ we want.
- c. Prove yourself on the t _____ we want.

John 2:19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰ The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

John 2:22 After 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.

Stunning observations about human nature.

*John 2:23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and **believed** in his name.*

Believe- Gk. (pisteuo)

*John 2:24 But Jesus would not **entrust** himself to them, for he knew all men.*

Entrust – Gk. (episteusan)

John 2:25 He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

Key: Pg. 2: hour; sign; glory. Pg.3: worship; important; God's; traditions;
Pg 4: Prove; way; timetable

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Son of Man

Portraits of Jesus—John 2

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Water turned to wine

John 2:1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

John 2:3 When 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."

John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

John 2:6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,

⁹ and 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.

John 2:9 ...Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and 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."

Water turned into wine: the meaning

1. His “h_____”

John 2:4 "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

John 12:27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.²⁸ Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

2. The “s_____”

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Jesus Cleanses the Temple

John 2:14 In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.¹⁵ So 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.¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here!

How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

Malachi 3:1 "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,

There were several problems in the temple.

- W_____ had become depersonalized.
- Materialism became more I_____ than worship.
- Those selling animals for sacrifice, and the money changers considered they were doing G_____ work.
- The Jewish leaders put their religious t_____ and practices ahead of the Lord and His priorities.

John 2:17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."