



Chapter 2

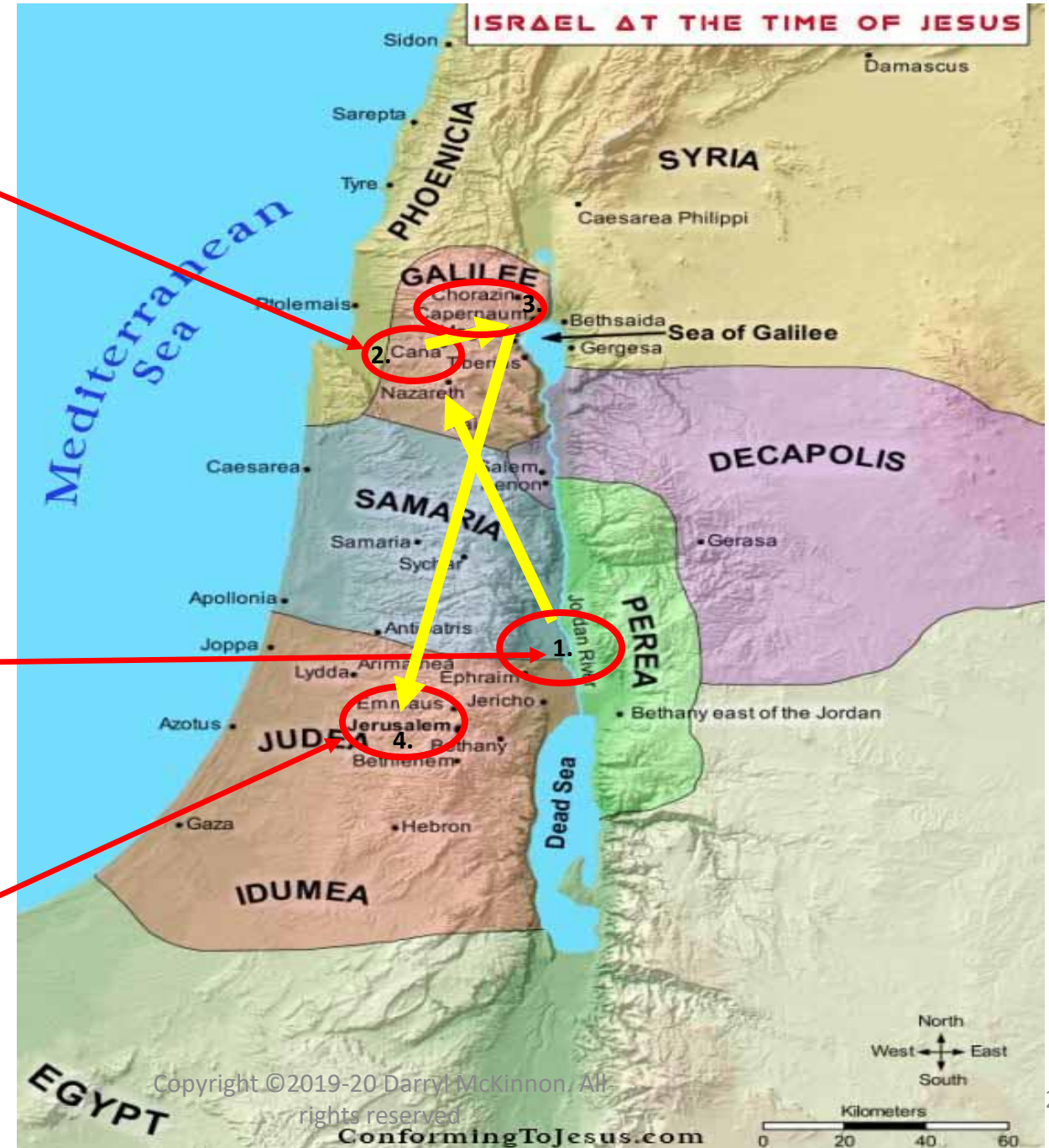
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- **Cana** is where Jesus performed His 1st miracle in the Gospel of John.
- **Turning Water to Wine at the wedding.**
- Cana is 9 miles from Nazareth.

- The region Jesus and His disciple were in at the end of Chapter 1 where John the Baptist was.
- **“on the 3rd day”** 2:1 indicates that Jesus travelled to Cana within 3 days and that all the events from Chapter 1 to here occurred within one week.

- **Jerusalem** – 2:13 – Jesus goes to Jerusalem for Passover



John 2:1-12

Wedding at Cana – Turning Water into Wine

- ¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.
- ² Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. ³ And when they ran out of wine, **the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”**
- ⁴ Jesus said to her, **“Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”**
- ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do *it*.”
- ⁶ Now there were set there **six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification** of the Jews, containing **twenty or thirty gallons** apiece.

John 2:1-12

Wedding at Cana – Turning Water into Wine

- ⁷ Jesus said to them, “**Fill the waterpots with water.**” And they filled them up to the brim.
- ⁸ And He said to them, “**Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.**” And they took *it*.
- ⁹ When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.
- ¹⁰ And he said to him, “**Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!**”
- ¹¹ **This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.**
- ¹² After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

John 2:1-3

Wedding at Cana – Turning Water into Wine

- Jesus's mother, Mary was there and she seems to be more than just a guest/in charge (maybe family or close friends)
- **It's significant that Jesus' first act is attending a wedding**
- Marriage is a sacred union of man and woman becoming one in the sight of God, publicly vowing to remain faithful to each other.
(picture of salvation)
- First family institution of creation (Gen. 2:24)

John 2:1-3

Is Drinking Wine Forbidden?

- **Wine is not forbidden** in the Bible.
 - Was a regular ingredient and in some cases required in the sacrificial system.
 - Wine was normal at Weddings as we see Jesus validate in this miracle, and was also drunk at each Passover, including the Last Supper. The Garden of Gethsemane literally means Wine Press.
 - **Ps. 104:14-15; Prov.31:6; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 8:15; Jer. 31:12; 1 Tim. 3:3, 8, 5:23**
- **Drunkenness is strongly condemned**
 - Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35; 1 Cor. 5:11; 6:10; Eph 5:18; 1 Peter 4:3
- **It's generally best for Christians to avoid alcohol**

John 2:4

Why is Jesus Harsh with His Mother?

- Jesus' reply to His mother signals a major change in their relationship.
- **“Woman”** was a polite but not intimate address (like Ma'am)
- **“what does your concern have to do with Me?”** indicates that the two parties have nothing in common. It's a distancing phrase.
- This marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and that earthly relationships would no longer determine His actions.
- **“My hour has not yet come”** – foreshadow of the Cross; **indicates that Mary was knowingly asking Jesus to reveal Himself** (she knew He was the Messiah from birth – Luke 1:35)
- Jesus makes it clear by this statement that He is only acting according to God's timetable, and this was not the time to reveal His full Messianic Glory. Mary immediately understands and orders the servants to do whatever He says.

John 2:6-10

The Miracle (Sign)

- V.6 says there were 6 stone water-pots used for the Jewish custom of purification washing (Mark 7:3-4) – DIRTY WATER
- Amazing detail provided “containing 20 or 30 gallons”.
- Water-pots were filled to the “**brim**” (v.6) – this small detail is important since it proves that nothing else was added to the water and this was indeed a miracle.
- The master of the feast comments about keeping the best wine until last – there is some historical evidence that most hosts did serve the best wine first. This is still common custom today by all of society. Therefore, when Jesus performed this miracle, it was after much wine had already been drunken.
- V.11 shows the significance of this sign “**THE DISCIPLES BELIEVED IN HIM.**” The purpose of the miracle was to display His deity so the Disciples (& readers) would believe.

Mark 2:18-22

Parable of new wine into old wineskins

- ¹⁸ The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”
- ¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the **bridegroom** fast while the **bridegroom** is with them? As long as they have the **bridegroom** with them they cannot fast.
- ²⁰ But the days will come when the **bridegroom** will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.
- ²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. **²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.**”

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- Meaning one cannot mix the New Covenant of grace and salvation with the Old Covenant Law. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Law and Righteousness
 - Meaning Judaism traditions (fasting, cleansing) cannot contain Jesus and His new teachings.

Water to Wine/Old & New Wineskins

Possible Symbolic Meaning

- Jesus can take our old dirty life (the old man), and make us a new creation, born again in the Spirit (He can change our old dirty water to the best wine)
- The new wineskin is the fact that every born-again believer is “the righteousness of Christ.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- God looks at you through the mercy seat where sprinkled blood of Jesus Christ is the ultimate perfect sacrifice.
- In the Old Testament, people would go to the Temple and present a an animal or bird to the priest to be slaughtered to reconcile the sinner to God: in God’s sight, the spilled blood of the sacrifice covered over their sin.
- Jesus was the Perfect Lamb of God: He was our sacrifice!
- The Sacrifice System and Priests was pointing to a time when Jesus was going to die for the whole world’s sin.

Supplementary Teaching

Jesus is the Bridegroom

Jewish wedding customs follow the pattern of Jesus.

- Betrothal – Bridegroom initiates the covenant with bride by travelling from his fathers house to the home of the prospective bride.
- Price was paid to bride’s father to establish the covenant.
- Then bridegroom returned to his father’s house and remained separated from the bride for 12 months to allow the bride to prepare for married life.
- Then the bridegroom came back to take his wife to live with him at an unexpected time, usually at night, escorted by the best man and other friends.
- Then a large **wedding party** took place for **7 days** at the father’s house.

Jesus is the Bridegroom

- **Jesus identified Himself as God, the covenant Bridegroom of Israel (Mark 2:18-22; Hos 2:16-20, Is 54:5)** where there can only be joy. Now is time for celebration.
- **The Church is the Bride of Christ (Eph. 5:22-23)**
- John 14:1-3 – Jesus said He is going to His Father’s house to prepare a place for us.
- Mark 14:24 – Jesus passed the cup of wine and said “**This is My blood of the new covenant which is shed for many.**”

Special Movie Link

“Before the Wrath” - 2020

Below is a Link to an excellent film concerning the Return of Christ, as it relates to the ancient Galilean Wedding Process.

Copy the Link Below into your browser to view this film

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John 2:13-21

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

- “Now the **Passover** of the Jews was at hand...” v.13
- Passover was an annual feast day that all Jewish men had to attend in Jerusalem each year (Deut. 16:16). It commemorated Israel’s deliverance from bondage in Egypt, when God killed, by His death angel, the first born of the Egyptians but passed over the houses of the Israelites who had put the blood of the lamb over their doors.
- Jesus’ public ministry (3+ years) is dated by John’s mention of the Passovers – 3 Passovers are mentioned in John.
 - (1.) John 2:13, (2.) John 6:4, (3) John 11:55; 12:1; 13:1
- This is the first of two temple cleansings Jesus performed, the second one being at the end of His ministry upon the triumphal entry into Jerusalem during His final week. (Mark 11: 15-18)

OT Significance TEMPLE

- God judges a nation by its worship & the temple is the heart of the worship.
- **1 Peter 4:17** – “Judgement begins at the House of God”
- The story of Israel’s temple is a story of Israel’s disobedience and God’s judgement.
- Israel has had 2 Temples which were all destroyed because:
 - 1st Temple – Destroyed because of Idols
 - 2st Temple – Destroyed because the religious leaders and people thought they could establish their own righteousness (Romans 10:3)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGy1wdGKX2k> – Herod’s Temple
 - [Solomon's Temple 3D](#) - Solomon’s

Temple History

- **Isaac Sacrifice** – Gen. 22 – Abraham was told by God to go to Mount Moriah to offer Isaac, his only son who all his covenant promises depended on, as a sacrifice, but God provided a substitutionary lamb. Heb. 11:17-19 – Abraham did this in faith and obedience that God would raise Isaac from the dead.
- **Wilderness** – God met with Israel in a movable temple called a **tabernacle** (Ex. 25:22), but He said He would fix one special place in Canaan (Deut. 12:4-7; 16:16).
- **King David** – when he conquered Jerusalem, God promised him a “house”, a son who would reign eternally, and that his son would build a temple (2 Sam. 5:6-10, 7:1-16). **In 998BC David purchased Mount Moriah for the temple site and is where the current Temple Mount is located** – 1 Chron. 21
- **First Temple - King Solomon** – built the first temple as a house of prayer for all nations (1 Kings 8:41-43) but was not the promised Son, and because of disobedience to God, the temple was destroyed at exile (1 Kings 11:11-13; 2 Kings 25:8-11; Jer. 7:1-29),
- **Second Temple - Babylon Destruction of the Temple, Exile Period & Rebuilding of Temple** – King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple in 586BC. Ezekiel prophesied a new temple (Ezek. 40-43) and a new David (Ezek. 37:24-27). But a second temple built at the return from exile in 515BC did not suffice (Ezra 3:12).
- **Antiochus Desecration of Temple** – 168BC - Greek ruler of part of Alexander the Great’s empire, who erected a statue of Zeus in the temple, desecrated the temple by sacrificing pigs.
- **Expansion of 2nd Temple** – 18 BC – Herod greatly expands the temple. 70 AD it was destroyed by Roman Emperor Titus and there has never been a temple in Jerusalem since.
- **New Covenant** – Church Age – we are the temple of God and His Spirit dwells in us. - Jer. 31:31-34
- **Third Temple** – Tribulation period – there will be a 3th temple to be desecrated by the Anti-Christ “abomination of desecration”.
- **Fourth Temple** – Millennial Kingdom – Ezekiel 43

John 2:14

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

- “And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business.”
- Jesus became **ANGRY** (righteous indignation) that the worship atmosphere of sacred **REVERANCE was absent**, and had become of place of abusive commerce.
- While the animals were needed for sacrifices and people needed to purchase them, the system was corrupted and the vendors were overcharging people, making it more about commerce than worship.
 - Psalm 69:9 “...zeal for Your house has eaten me up”
 - Matt. 21:13 “My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ”
- **Do you ever feel that some churches and places of worship show a lack of reverence today?**
- **Does you feel pain when you see God being dishonored?**

Mark 11:12-21

Jesus Cleanses the Temple – a 2nd Time

- **Jesus cleanses the Temple twice**, once at the beginning of His ministry in John 2, and again during His the last week of His life in Mark 11.
- In Mark, **Jesus connects the temple cleansing to a parable of a fig tree** which had no leaves, and Jesus curses the fig tree before He cleanses the temple and it dies immediately after the cleansing.
- In the Old Testament when God found no figs on the tree of Israel, he withered the tree in judgement (Jer. 8:13; 29:17; Hos 9:16; Joel 1:7).
- Having cursed the tree, Jesus went on to the temple (the heart of Israel) and gave a similar curse, which was a judgement on the nation.
- **What mattered was whether they obeyed, loved and worshipped God, and this included obeying that they welcome other “little ones”**, whoever they were, to join them in prayer to God (remember the long prior teaching on “little ones” and the “all nations” of 1 Kings 8:41-43). “All Nations” – The Great Commission – **Gentiles must be welcome as well.**

John 2:14

Is this a Miracle too?

- Jesus clearly shows His authority over the temple in this scene, but most people don't consider the miracle here.
- How could one man drive out all the money changers and not be arrested or overpowered by men, especially since there would have been temple police present?
- Similar to other temple scene when He disappeared when they tried to arrest Him – John 10:39 – defies human explanation.
- Jesus attacked the entire sacred Temple System.
- Jesus will execute judgement like this on a massive scale again on His second coming.

John 2:17-22

The Jews ask for a Sign

- **“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”**
- The Jews asked for a sign to prove His authority to do this, and Jesus gives them a veiled statement that they could not understand until later when He had risen.
- Jesus’ death as the ultimate sacrificial Lamb would make the Jerusalem temple obsolete (**John 4:21; Matt 27:51**)
- “It has taken 46 years to build this temple” v.20 – since we know the expansion of the temple began in 18BC, this implies that this event occurred in 28AD.
- **The sign He would give was His own resurrection.**
- Jesus was buried for 3 days, so this is a perfect predication of the Cross. **Matt 12:39-40**

Cleansing of the Temple

Personal Application

- We are the temple of God
 - **1 Peter 2:5, 4:17; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor 6:16; Eph 2:20-21; Heb 3:6;**
 - Some have compared this to: We are made up of **Body** (Temple Building), **Soul** (inner courts) and **Spirit** (Holy of Holies). Our Bodies are temporary, but our **Soul and Spirit is the eternal us that needs cleansing.**
 - **1 Cor 11:27-31** – Judgement begins in the temple, and if we judge ourselves, we won't be judged.
1. **Would Jesus be pleased with the state of your temple?**
 2. **You have the Holy Spirit dwelling within you, but are you quenching Him by sin or not glorifying Him like you should? Do you need a cleansing to receive His full Power over sin and in service?** (Psalm 51; 1 John 1:9; Jesus washing your feet)

John 2:23-25

Saving Faith – Jesus knows the Heart

- V.23 says “**many believed**”
- V.24-25 says “Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because **He knew all men...He knew what was in man.**”
- Although many claimed to believe in Jesus (intellectually), even the demons believe that (James 2:19).
- These people were like the seed that fell on Stony and Thorny ground who receive the Word with joy, but eventually fall away because they don't have their hearts changed.
- **They may have believed Jesus was God, but they refused to make Him Lord of their life.**