



Gospel of John

The Wedding at Cana John 2:1-12

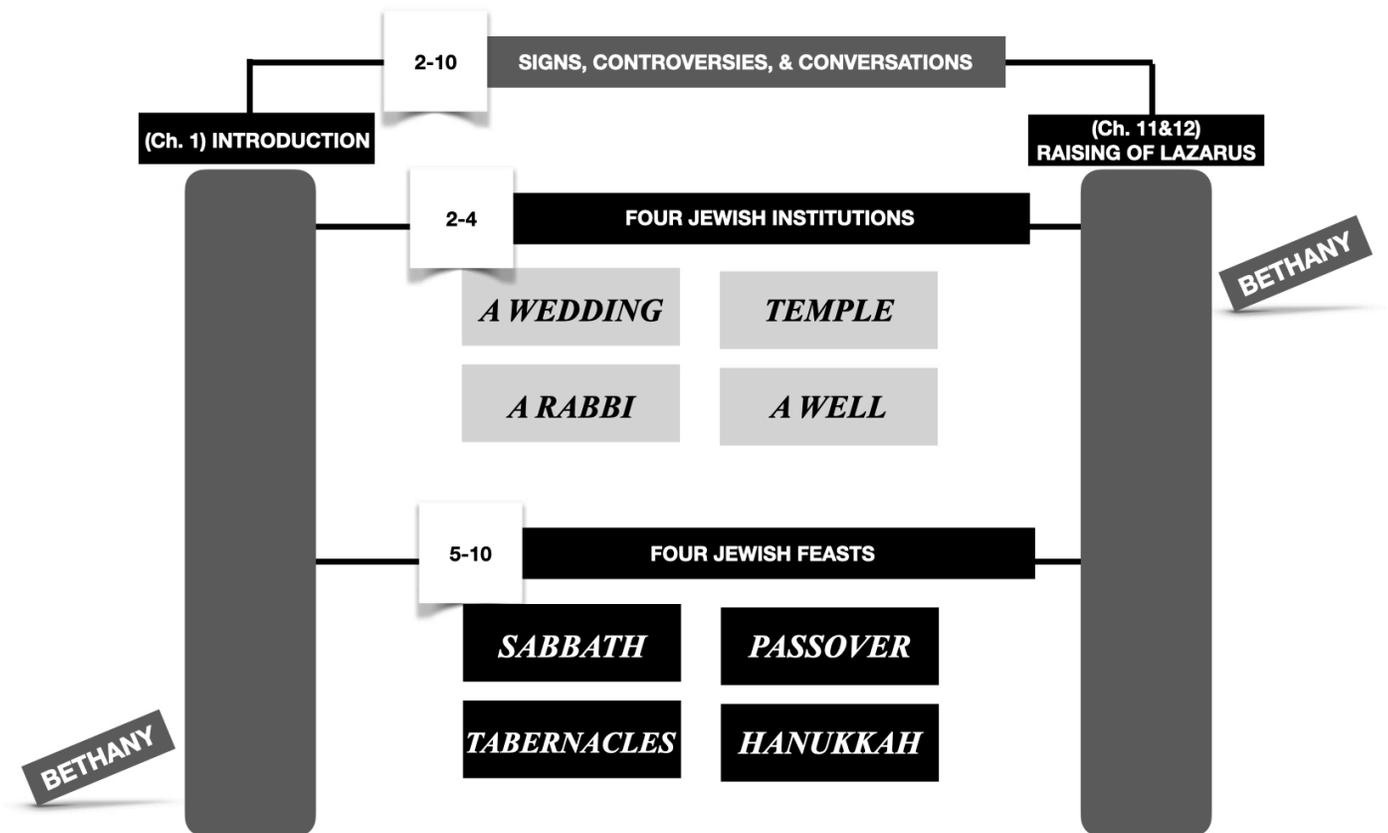
theme	As Jesus transforms the water in to wine, Jesus can transform our lives
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Outline: John 1-12



The Problem

No wine at the wedding feast

- Don't miss the portrait of Jesus John is providing by focusing on the alcohol content of the wine.

JOHN 2:1-3

“On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”

the wedding feast would have been a community festival

they had run out of wine

this would cause shame on the host and bride groom

JOHN 2:4

“Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

“*My hour*” the time of Jesus being placed on a cross

Jesus knows this action, this event, changing the water to wine, will set a chain of actions and responses in motion - leading Him to the cross.

the response of Jesus' mother is a response of faith

The Solution

Jesus changes water to wine

JOHN 2:6-10

“Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it. 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. 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!”

the wine is moved to the front of the story

(Consider all the details John provides)

130-180 gallons of wine

six waterpots of stone were for purification

(for ceremonial or ritual washings)

Jesus rescues the wedding

the best is saved for last

The Outcome

Glory of Jesus revealed and disciples believe

grapes were often a symbol, and a sign of abundance or plenty.

(connected to the promise land)

spies in the land of Canaan

Numbers 13:23

“...cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole. They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs.”

Isaiah 25 is a poem about new Jerusalem and the Messianic kingdom

ISAIAH 25: 6-9

“And in this mountain The Lord of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken. And it will be said in that day: “Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

God’s kingdom is a kingdom of rejoicing, abundance, and salvation

Behold, this is our God, this is covenant language



JOHN 2:11

“This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His **glory**; and His disciples **believed in Him**.”

“glory” is one of the repeated words in the gospel of John. It’s a theme you can follow through

JOHN 1:14

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His **glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

the wedding feast at Cana:



Jesus is more concerned with people than ritualistic traditions



changing the water to wine Jesus shows compassion and mercy for the groom and host



Jesus and his kingdom is a kingdom of abundance



the disciples believed - this is the outcome of signs John desires for each of us

study questions

What portraits of Jesus does John provide in the first 11 chapters?

What would it have meant if the bride groom ran out of wine at the wedding feast?

What is the "hour" Jesus mentions in v4?

How does Isa. 26:6-9 describe new Jerusalem and God's new kingdom?

What are the outcomes of Jesus changing water to wine?

