

SERMON-BASED STUDY: WEDDING INVITATION

John 2:1-12, ESV – *On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”*

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. ¹² After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week we learned that Jesus provides in hopeless situations and provides above and beyond what is needed. Share a time when you have seen this truth in your own life or in the life of someone else.
- 2 We also learned that Jesus does what He does so that His disciples will believe. As a disciple of Jesus, what are some things that you have done to help others believe in Jesus?
- 3 Jesus' mission was always His first priority. What was, and is, His mission? How did He make it a priority in His life? How can we make it a priority in our lives?

DIGGING DEEPER

A *Mark 2:5-12, ESV* – ⁵And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷“Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹²And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Mark 3:1-6, ESV – Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come here.” ⁴And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

- 4 Looking at the passages above, we see that people react differently to Jesus' miracles and signs. Why do people react differently to His miracles and signs?
- 5 How did Jesus' miracles and signs connect with His mission?

6 What lessons can we learn from Jesus, when it comes to sharing the gospel and our testimony with others?

B ***Luke 4:17-21, ESV** – ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*

***Luke 19:10, ESV** – ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

7 Looking at the passages above, what was Jesus’ mission, or purpose?

8 How would you describe someone who is “lost”? Why would Jesus be looking specifically for those types of people?

9 What lessons can we learn from this story about evangelism?

TAKING IT HOME

Jesus’ miracles and signs were always intended to display His glory and to invite people to believe in Him. Similarly, believers are to point people to Jesus with their actions and how they live their life. How are you doing in this area? Are you living your life in such a way that others will see Jesus through you? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to live in a way that points others to Jesus.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Jeremiah 31:12

Joel 3:18

Amos 9:13-14

Matthew 22:34-40, 28:16-20

Ephesians 5:18