

**II. MANIFESTATIONS OF CHRIST'S POWER  
IN PUBLIC MINISTRY  
JOHN 2**

**A. THE MIRACLE AT CANA AND WHAT IT INVOLVED (2:1-11)**

1. This miracle took place at a \_\_\_\_\_ in Cana of \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1). This presents the first miracle which John recorded of Jesus with his evangelistic purpose in mind (20:31).
  
2. When the wedding party had run out of wine Mary the mother of Jesus came to Him. His response to her showed that He was on a divine mission and it was not time for Him to be revealed as Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ and suffering \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 53).
  
3. We note that Jesus directed the servants there to fill the six stone \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ (2:6,7). Notice as wine is a symbol of joy we have a picture of the condition of those unsaved in this world.
  
4. When the servants then drew out of the water pots at Jesus' command, it was better wine than what they had been drinking. Notice in this miracle Jesus is manifested as the Son of God with power to create unlike any other man. Someone has said, "the unconscious waters saw their God and blushed."
  
5. Notice according to 2:11 as a result of this miracle His disciples \_\_\_\_\_ on Him. Their faith at this point indicated that they recognized a superior Being was among them but it needed to increase. There's a distinct difference between a head-belief and a heart-belief.

**B. THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE AND WHAT IT RESULTED IN  
(2:12-25)**

1. This event took place at the season of the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:13) after Jesus left \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1) and came to \_\_\_\_\_ (2:13).
  
2. Notice according to verses 14-16 Jesus displayed righteous indignation when He drove the \_\_\_\_\_ out of the temple (2:15). This indicates to us there are some things we should be indignant about.
  
3. When Jesus drove these out they demanded a \_\_\_\_\_ and He gave them a \_\_\_\_\_ sign which they grossly misunderstood (2:18-21)

4. We notice in verses 22-25 while many \_\_\_\_\_, it was not genuine faith because it was based upon a miracle they had seen and not upon their need of redemption and their trust in the Redeemer.

### QUESTIONS WHICH APPLY TO OUR LIVES

1. What wisdom do you see displayed by those who arranged the marriage in Cana?  
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2. How can a bride and groom invite the Lord Jesus into their homes and lives today?  
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3. What evidence do we find in 2:11 which refutes pseudo-gospel accounts which attributes silly miracles to Jesus during His childhood? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Do you believe the wine which Jesus made was fermented? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name some reasons why Christians should avoid alcoholic beverages altogether.  
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6. What was Jesus referring to in verse 2:19? According to Matt. 27:40; Mark 14:58, and Acts 6:14 how were these words taken by others?  
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7. What application should we make from the practices of the money-changers as recorded in 2:13-16? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### EXPOSITORY NOTES

2:4 "Mine hour is not yet come" refers specifically to the hour of Christ's crucifixion. Christ's rebuke to Mary indicated that the performance of His divine mission now involved His sole obedience to His Father in heaven.

2:6 Note a firkin was about nine gallons, so six of these pots holding from 2 to three firkins would have contained somewhere around 150 gallons.

2:14 "The changers of money" were those who exchanged foreign currencies into the money of Jerusalem so they could buy animals for sacrifice at the temple. This practice involved inequities in exchange and turning a place of worship into a means of profit.

2:22-25 Note the word "believe" in verse 23 is the same word translated "commit" in verse 24. In other words Jesus knew that the belief of many was only superficial because of the miracle they had seen so therefore He didn't put His trust in them.

2:25 Jesus knows what is in all men. He knows whether their faith is genuine or lacking. Note the three interviews that follow describe three different types of personality and how the Lord Jesus brought them to genuine saving faith (Nicodemus (3), the woman at the well (4) and the nobleman (5)).