

The Gospel of John week 2

John's gospel gives us a _____ view of Jesus

1. Who were these supposed to benefit?
2. What reactions do we see to Jesus?

John 2:1-12

Jesus' words carry _____

John 2:5 (NLT) But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

This miracle is not about alcohol but about God's _____; He is a God of excellence.

John 2:9-10 (NLT) When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

The phrase "miraculous sign" shows there was a _____, not just the miracle itself.

John 2:13-22

The heart of God is to save _____, not just his chosen people.

John 2:16 (NLT) Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

Jesus' words focus on the bigger _____ issue, not the obvious physical one.

John 2:19 (NLT) "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:23-25

Final Thought: We see three distinct _____ to Jesus: complete obedience, skepticism, and situational belief. Which _____ will you have to Jesus today?

John 2 Discussion Questions:

Read John 20:30-31. These verses remind us of the purpose of John's gospel and that John only includes events that help his purpose. Why do you think John chose to include the two events described in chapter 2?

Both of these events are familiar stories, how does it benefit your faith journey to come to scripture with "fresh eyes"? Why is it hard to do so?

Read all the different accounts of Jesus clearing the temple: John 2:13-22, Matthew 21:12-17, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48. What is the same? What is different? Do they teach different lessons?

The most obvious difference is the time line; John has it at the beginning of his public ministry and the synoptic gospels all place it in

the last week of Jesus' life. Can they both be right? Why or why not? Why do you think Jesus would have cleared the temple twice? Does this change your view of Jesus at all? Why or why not?

We see three distinct responses to Jesus in chapter 2; complete obedience, skepticism, and situational belief. Do you see these responses to Jesus today? Explain. What is your honest response to Jesus in your day to day life?