

BIBLE LESSONS ON JOHN

JOHN 2

Read John 2:1-12

Verse 11 says this miracle was the beginning of _____ that Jesus did.

In the Bible, miracles are often called SIGNS. Miracles are when God works supernaturally, contrary to the normal laws of nature. God is all powerful and He can do anything He wants at any time. However, the Bible records only three eras where "**sign miracles**" (that is miracles done through the hands of people) were somewhat normal. They are: 1) During the days of Moses and Joshua; 2) During the days of the Prophets Elijah and Elisha; 3) And during the days of Jesus and His apostles. Once Jesus and the Apostles died, sign miracles at the hands of people ceased. These were all very special people through whom God was working in unusual ways to send a special message.

The miracles of Jesus were SIGNS showing that He is the special promised deliverer as prophesied in the Old Testament.

Turning the water into wine showed that Jesus has the power to CREATE. Only the CREATOR has the power to CREATE. In John 1:3, we saw that "all things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." Indeed, Jesus is the Creator and His first miracle showed His power to create.

Jesus then went to the temple and drove out the corrupt people who were simply using it as a place to make money.

Read John 2:13-17

Whose house does Jesus say the temple is in verse 16? _____

The Jews then challenged Jesus to do another SIGN to prove His AUTHORITY to do these things.

Read John 2:18-22

They asked for a sign and Jesus gave them a future sign about another temple, that is, the temple of His BODY.

In verse 19, Jesus gave a PROPHECY that if they destroyed His body (killed Him), in three days He would _____.

This became the GREATEST of all signs! Even though they didn't understand it at the time, it came to pass exactly as Jesus said, proving that He KNOWS THE FUTURE and that He has the power of LIFE. Only God knows the future and only God has the power life. This shows that Jesus is God.

Read John 2:23-25

In these verses, we find that many people were INFATUATED with Jesus' miracles (signs), but that Jesus saw through them. They were all excited about His miracles, but the context shows they only believed in Him in a shallow way.

Why does verse 24 say Jesus did not commit Himself to them? _____

According to verse 25, what did Jesus know about them? _____

We see here that Jesus knows the hearts of all people. He knows when BELIEF is sincere and when it is not. Only God knows the hearts of people. This shows us that Jesus is God Who can read the hearts of people.

In the Gospel of John, we find two kinds of belief. There are those who believe in a superficial way, but not with real heart commitment. In contrast, there are those who truly believe in Jesus for WHO HE IS from their heart.

Key Points from Chapter Two

1. Jesus' miracles are "signs" telling us something about Him.
2. Jesus' first miracle shows that He has the power to CREATE because in fact He is the Creator of all, along with God the Father and God the Spirit.
3. Early in His ministry, Jesus predicted that three days after He was killed He would raise Himself up from the dead, and He did. He knows the future. He has the power of life.
4. Jesus knows all people. He knows our hearts.
5. Jesus is looking for real BELIEF that truly accepts Him for Who He is and not merely for what He can do for a person.

As Jesus looks at your heart, what does He see? _____

Please turn to the next page to do a SELF-CHECK of your answers. If you have further questions, email them to doswald1@cox.net.

ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE

Verse 11 says this miracle was the beginning of **SIGNS** that Jesus did.

Whose house does Jesus say the temple is in verse 16? **My Father's house.**

In verse 19, Jesus gave a PROPHECY that if they destroyed His body (killed Him), in three days He would **raise it up.**

Why does verse 24 say Jesus did not commit Himself to them? **Because He knew all men.**

According to verse 25, what did Jesus know about them? **He knew what was in man – He knew the true motives of people .**