

## Message Two

**Life's Principle And Life's Purpose**

Scripture reading: John 2:1-22

**I. Life's principle – To change death into life**

- A. Jesus coming in resurrection – to weak and fragile people in the enjoyment of their human life.
  - 1. “The third day,” signifying in resurrection – 2:1
  - 2. “Cana,” a land of reeds, signifying the place of weak and fragile people
  - 3. “Galilee,” a despised place
  - 4. Marriage, signifying the continuation of human life, and a wedding feast, signifying the enjoyment of human life
  - 5. Wine, as the human life, signifying the basic factor of this enjoyment – v3.
- B. Their human life running out and their being filled with death.
  - 1. “The wine ran out” – v3.
  - 2. “Six stone waterpots” – v6.
  - 3. “The Jewish rites of purification” with water
  - 4. “Fill the waterpots with water” – v7.
- C. Jesus changing their death into life eternal.
  - 1. Water, signifying death
  - 2. Wine as the life-juice of the grape, signifying life – vv8-9.
- D. The beginning of signs
  - 1. All the miracles in this Gospel called signs – 2:23; 3:2; 4:54; 6:2, 14, 26, 30; 7:31; 9:16.
  - 2. The principle of the first mention
  - 3. Manifesting His glory
- E. The mother of Jesus, signifying the natural man – 3:4-5.

**II. Life's purpose – To build the House of God**

- A. Jesus cleansing the Temple – 2:12-22.
  - 1. “The Passover was near” – v13.
  - 2. The cleansing of the Temple
    - a. With whip of cords made of rushes – vv14-16.
    - b. The heart's desire of the Lord for the House of God – v17.
- B. The Body of Jesus being the Temple destroyed and raised up again in resurrection – v19.
  - 1. The physical body of Jesus being destroyed by the Jews on the cross.
  - 2. Jesus raising up His physical body in resurrection to be the House of God.
  - 3. The resurrection of Jesus being the unique sign – v19.
  - 4. The House of God still increasing in resurrection with the Body of Christ – 1Tim. 3:15; 1Pet. 2:5; 1Cor. 3:9; Eph. 2:21-22.
- C. The changing of death into life being for the building of God's House

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**Reference Scriptural verses**

**John 2:1-22.** **1** And the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** And Jesus also was invited, as well as His disciples, to the wedding. **3** And when the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine. **4** And Jesus said to her, Woman, what do I have in this that concerns you? My hour has not yet come. **5** His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do. **6** Now there were six stone waterpots lying there, according to the Jews' rite of purification, holding two or three measures each. **7** Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. **8** And He said to them, Draw some out now and take it to the master of the feast. And they took *it to him*. **9** And when the master of the feast tasted the water which had 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, Every man sets out the good wine first, and when they have drunk freely, *then* that which is worse; you have kept the good wine until now. **11** This beginning of signs Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed into Him. **12** After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they remained there not many days. **13** And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** And He found in the temple those selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers sitting *there*. **15** And having made a whip out of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, as well as the sheep and the oxen, and He poured out the money of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. **16** And to those who were selling the doves He said, Take these things away from here; do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise. **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house shall devour Me." **18** The Jews then answered and said to Him, What sign do you show us, seeing that you do these things? **19** Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. **20** Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days? **21** But He spoke of the temple of His body. **22** When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

I.D.

**John 2:23** Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed into His name when they saw the signs which He did.

**John 3:2** This one came to Him by night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.

**John 4:54** Again, this second sign Jesus performed when He came out of Judea into Galilee.

**John 6:2** And a great crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He did on those who were sick.

**John 6:14** The people therefore, seeing the sign which He did, said, This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.

**John 6:26** Jesus answered them and said, Truly, truly, I say to you, You seek Me not because you have seen signs, but because you ate of the bread and were filled.

**John 6:30** They said then to Him, What sign then will You do that we may see and believe You? What work will You do?

**John 7:31** But many out of the crowd believed into Him and said, Will the Christ, when He comes, do more signs than this man has done?

**John 9:16** Then some of the Pharisees said, This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath. But others said, How can a man *who is* a sinner do such signs? And there was a division among them.

**I.E.**

**John 3:4-5. 4** Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he? **5** Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

**III.B.**

**1Tim. 3:15** But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

**1Pet. 2:5** You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**1Cor. 3:9** For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

**Eph. 2:21-22. 21** In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; **22** In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.