

John 2
Lesson 4
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GET THE PARTY STARTED!

Party Fail: Jesus to the Rescue (verses 1-12)

Panicking: *When something goes wrong*
Pleading: *Why Mary asks for help* (Luke 1:30-33)
Problem solving: *The role of servants*
Pondering: *What about that wine?*

Warnings:

Proverbs 20:1
1 Corinthians 6:10
Ephesians 5:18
Romans 13:13
1 Timothy 3:3

Celebrations:

Psalm 104:14-15
1 Timothy 5:23

Guidance for Christians:

1 Corinthians 10:31-33

Dionysus - Greek god of wine

Born twice
Mother a mortal
Father a god
People performed rituals in order to be possessed

Predicting: *Wine at the Last Supper*

Matthew 26:26-29

Summary: "The curse of the law turns water into blood...the blessing of the gospel turns water into wine." (*Matthew Henry*) And that wine—his blood—cleanses us from sin.

Party Prep: Jesus Cleanses the Temple (verses 13-22)

Pollution at Passover:	<i>How did religious leaders contaminate the temple?</i>
Purifying the temple:	<i>What was Jesus' response?</i> <i>Why did he cleanse it? (Isa. 9-11; Ezek. 4-44)</i> <i>How many times did this happen?</i>
Perturbing the people:	<i>How could Jesus raise the temple in three days?</i>
Predicting the future:	<i>What did Jesus foresee?</i>
Processing the message:	<i>How are we made ready for the party?</i>

Summary: In order to join Jesus at his eternal party, we must be cleansed. We don't do that ourselves; he washes us clean with his blood. Only Jesus' blood—only Jesus' DNA—can clean us and make us party ready.

Questions to consider/discuss

1. How does Jesus sweep us clean? What does that look like?
2. God crushes the Greek and Roman god of wine with the miracle at Cana; what modern gods do you see Him crushing?
3. What does it mean for Jesus to be the Temple? How does he take the ruins of our lives and rebuild them?

Resources:

Ainsworth, Gordon. GraceWay Bible Church Resident Bible Professor
Barclay, William. The Gospel of John (Daily Bible Study Series)
Heitzig, Skip. YouTube, John 2
Henry, Matthew. Matthew Henry's Commentary, Matthew to John
The ESV Study Bible, Crossway
The MacArthur Study Bible, Thomas Nelson
The NIV Study Bible, Zondervan