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# ▶ WEEK 2 CHAPTERS 2-3

## CHAPTER 2

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▶ *2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; 2 and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus \*said to Him, “They have no wine.” 4 And Jesus \*said to her, “Woman, [a]what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come.”*

- ▶ *3rd day of what?*
  - ▶ *The week ( Monday)*
  - ▶ *The Wedding?*
  - ▶ *The 3rd day after Jesus called his first disciple?*

## 3RD DAY

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- ▶ *I can't help but wonder if the 3rd day MAY be symbolic , and/or significant here???*
- ▶ *Genesis 1 - LIFE was created on the 3rd day!*
- ▶ *Genesis 22:3-5 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. 5 Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you."*
- ▶ *Exodus 19: The Lord also said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments; and let them be ready for the third day, for on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people."*
- ▶ *Judges 20:29 God turn the civil war around on the 3rd day of the way ( after a fast)*
- ▶ *Esther 5:1 .. appealed to the King to save the jews "On the 3rd day (of her fast )"*
- ▶ *Hosea 6:1-3 Come, let us return to the Lord. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has [a]wounded us, but He will bandage us. 2 "He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, That we may live before Him."*
- ▶ *Many scriptures of Jesus being resurrected on the 3rd day...when ETERNAL life was made possible for us!*
- ▶ *So here we have Jesus doing a miracle of turning water in Wine "on the 3rd day"*
- ▶ *Wine + Blood was used to seal covenant in the pagan world*
  - ▶ *Jews could not drink blood, wine often symbolized sealing a covenant ..*

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- ▶ “A normal way that covenant partners in the pagan world would seal the covenant was to drink wine commingled with the blood from each representative. After cutting their wrist, forearm, or leg, each representative would catch a few drops of blood with a cup containing wine. They would drink this mixture as a way to finalize the covenant. Remember that Jewish Law prohibited the drinking of blood; therefore, biblical covenants were often sealed with the drinking of wine, which symbolized blood
- ▶ Just as drinking wine co-mingled with blood was common in covenant rituals, Jesus said that we cannot be a partaker with Him unless we drink His blood (John 6:53-56). When Jesus made this statement, there is no doubt that He was referring to the common covenant practice of drinking wine co-mingled with blood. We drink Jesus’ blood by accepting His blood as the only thing that will cleanse us from sin and bring us near to God”

## CHAPTER 2 - WATER INTO WINE

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- ▶ *3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus \*said to Him, “They have no wine.” 4 And Jesus \*said to her, “Woman, [a]what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come.”*
- ▶ *It would appear that Mary was a relative or very good friend of the wedding family ..as she knew this embarrassing information for the family*
- ▶ *Wedding feast could go on for over a week.... if the family was poor, it could be embarrassing to invite people and not have adequate food/drink.*
- ▶ *“Woman” was not a disrespectful term in that culture*
  
- ▶ **5 His mother \*said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” 6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing [b]twenty or thirty gallons each. 7 Jesus \*said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” So they filled them up to the brim.**
- ▶ **Notice**
  - ▶ *1) the vessels Jesus use is the soon to be OLD LAW ceremonial washing pots...which make people clean on the OUTSIDE.*
  - ▶ *2) They did what Jesus said, without questions to the fullest. It is a good idea for us to do that as well*
  - ▶ *Has Jesus every asked you to do something that didn’t make sense ?*
  
- ▶ *I read that wine was used to purify water....so everyone seem to drink wine either diluted or undiluted*

## JOHN 2 WATER INTO WINE

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- ▶ *8 And He \*said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him. 9 When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter \*called the bridegroom, 10 and \*said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have [d]drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This beginning of His [e]signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.*
- ▶ *Jesus again asked them to do something that didn't make much sense! They obeyed.*
- ▶ *This was the best wine....the NEW wine. Jesus used these vessels to create a new, better Wine. The wine of the new covenant changes us ON the inside.*
- ▶ *Matthew 9:17 Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."*
- ▶ *John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*
  - ▶ *What do grapevines do? Turn water in to some else, into grapes....bearing much fruit.-->turns into wine*

## JOHN 2:13 - CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE - 1 OR 2 TIMES

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- ▶ *John 2:13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; 16 and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a [house] place of business." 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us [g]as your authority for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this [h]temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this [sanctuary] temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the [sanctuary]temple of His body. 22 So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.*
- ▶ *Why were people selling animals in the temple? People traveled to Jerusalem to make sacrifices. ..The animals had to be defect free.....according the the priest and/or who was selling the animals.*
- ▶ *Destroy the temple....even the disciples didn't understand , until after the resurrection this statement*

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- ▶ *Matthew 21:12 And Jesus entered the temple[b] and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. 13 He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." 14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, 16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?" 17 And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.*
- ▶ *Mark 11:15 And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. 16 And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. 17 And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." 18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. 19 And when evening came they[b] went out of the city*
- ▶ *Luke 19:45-48 45 Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'And My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a robbers' [a]den. 47 And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him, 48 and they could not find [b]anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to [c]every word He said.*



## 1ST CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE?

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- ▶ In favor of 2 cleansings of the Temple
  - ▶ Different sayings were recorded "ho
    - ▶ Den of thieves/robbers vs house/place of business
    - ▶ In John, John The Baptist is still alive in the next chapter! But this happens after John is dead in the Synoptics.
    - ▶ In Synoptics Jews want to get rid of Jesus soon after, and the final passover is within 2 chapters followed by the crucifixion
    - ▶ Made cords and seemed to drive out the animals in John.
- ▶ Similar things
  - ▶ Jesus heals people in the temp or soon after
  - ▶ Jesus continues teaching. ( possible over the days of the festival )

- ▶ *23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing. 24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, 25 and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.*
- ▶ *Jesus did many signs/miracles, but non are detailed or recorded in John*
- ▶ *Knew all men? (as individuals or mankind in general)*
- ▶ *Knew what was in man?*

TEXT

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# ▶ CHAPTER 3

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- ▶ *This is another story and only appears in John*
- ▶ *3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; 2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these [attesting miracles] signs that You do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born [from above] again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*
- ▶ *What questions Did Nicodemus ask so far ?.... NONE*
- ▶ *We don't know WHY he came at night, often it is assumed he was embarrassed , and didn't want to be recognized, but we don't know he could have had responsibilities until sun down?*
- ▶ *Kingdom of God / Kingdom of Heaven*
  - ▶ *Daniel 2:44 In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. 45 Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy."*
  - ▶ *In the Synoptic Gospels many of Jesus' parables are trying to explain the Kingdom of God Heaven*
  - ▶ *Jesus said it is "at hand"*
  - ▶ *Mark 1: 14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God [j]is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

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- ▶ 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. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born [from above] again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?"
- ▶ water and the Spirit - Born of flesh(water breaking for best) ? Baptized ?
- ▶ But Jesus is talking to the a Ruler of Israel, a man who has studied the scriptures his whole life, who is probably wondering if Jesus is the Messiah , but hasn't asked, but knows THE OT. It may be Jesus was using a play on words as Spirit, Wind as they are the same in greek ( not sure about Aramaic)
- ▶ POSSIBLY Ezekiel 36:25 which speaks of reconciling Israel to the Lord , Jesus would expect Nicodemus to know this.
- ▶ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.
- ▶ God is promising through the prophet Ezekiel, six centuries before Jesus, that a time is coming when there will be a transformative new beginning, characterized by spectacular cleansing symbolized by water that washes away all impurities and idols, and by the powerful gift of the Spirit that transforms the hearts of people. That is what is required if people are to see and enter the kingdom of God.

## TEXT

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- ▶ 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. 12 If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man (which is in heaven. KJV?) . **14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; 15 so that whoever [d]believes will in Him have eternal life.**
- ▶ Jesus is saying I'm giving you natural examples you should recognize and know , If I tell you supernatural things ( which I have seen) you have no basis to understand those
- ▶ There is some manuscript differences KJV has "which is in heaven", so early manuscripts have this some and don't. Often when there is manuscript differences it MAY be something was [usually] added for clarity,
- ▶ Inerrant word of God? Scripture were not dictated by God, but there are inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ Greek had NO punctuation, quotes, parenthesis....One opinion is that John will add his own parenthetical statements around quoting/paraphrasing what Jesus said. More of this in a boit

## SERPENT LIFTED UP

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- ▶ **14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; 15 so that whoever [believes in Him]believes will in Him have eternal life.**
- ▶ *Numbers 21:*
  - ▶ *21 When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the [a]Negev, heard that Israel was coming by the way of [b]Atharim, then he fought against Israel and took some of them captive. 2 So Israel made a vow to the Lord and said, "If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will [c]utterly destroy their cities." 3 The Lord heard the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites; then they [d]utterly destroyed them and their cities. Thus the name of the place was called [e]Hormah.*
    - ▶ *They obeyed God and had a great victory....*
  - ▶ *4 Then they set out from Mount Hor by the way of the [f]Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the [g]people became impatient because of the journey. 5 The people spoke against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no [bread]food and no water, and [our souls ]we loathe this miserable food."*
    - ▶ *But time passes and the complained about everything..again just like in Numbers 11, they are complaining about the bread/Mana God had given them.*
  - ▶ *6 The Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 So the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and you; intercede with the Lord, that He may remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people. 8 Then the Lord said to Moses, "[j]Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live." 9 And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.*
    - ▶ *God sent poisonous snakes to get there attention...and many died. But Moses interceded and God told him to make a snake ( idol?) and put i t on a "standard" or banner poll or cross!! Why a snake?*
      - ▶ *The snake bites seemed to be physical manifestation of the people sin. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
      - ▶ *Jesus took on our sin, and our sin was nailed to the cross, Where Jesus defeated death (1 Corinthians 15:54-57) all the bites people had to do was LOOK at the snake on the poll. I think it is assumed they were believing or having faith in God if they were to look at the poll*
  - ▶ *In the same way Jesus is telling Nicodemus the son of Man ( Messiah ) will be crucified and lifted up and whoever believes in Him, will in have eternal life....just like the famous story of in Numbers*

## JOHN 3:16-21

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- ▶ *16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His [unique, only one of His kind] only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the [f]only begotten Son of God. 19 This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."*
- ▶ *Some propose this is a parenthetical statement from John, and quotation marks should not be there to imply Jesus is still talking. Here the term "God" is used, which is more theological. Jesus usually says, "My Father" which is more relational. And John is expounded Jesus' answer to Nicodemus about the Son of Man being Lifted up.*
- ▶ *WE have Echos of the John 1 about Light coming into the world, but men loving darkness, rather than light. Because when our "evil deeds" (wrong thinking, bad choices) are exposed...we have to choice to make...change or keep doing what we know how to do. When we do do wrong, we don't really like be corrected or told we have done wrong. But when we **PRACTICE** truth it is evident that our deeds, the way we live our life have been done by or through the Lord.*



## THINK ABOUT IT

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- ▶ What is the Lord asking you to do?
  - ▶ His mother \*said to the servants, “**Whatever He says to you, do it.**” 6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing [b]twenty or thirty gallons each. 7 Jesus \*said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” **So they filled them up to the brim.**
- ▶ *Can we do that ??? without questioning?? and to the ‘brim’*
- ▶ *Meet with someone*
  - ▶ *IF you know what the Lord has asked you to do, and want to share it*
  - ▶ *Pray for each other that we will have a new sensitivity to hear what the Lord is asking us to do*