



Lesson 11 – At The Marriage Feast

Based on John 2:1-11

The past two months had been very sorrowful for Mary. Joseph had died some time before, and Jesus was an amazing comfort to her. Then He mysteriously departs to the wilderness. She had been parted from Jesus.

1) What words of Simeon come to her mind?

Luke 2:35 (Yea, a _____ shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

He met His mother, from whom He had for some time been separated. Mary had heard of the manifestation at the Jordan, at His baptism. The tidings had been carried to Nazareth, and had brought to her mind afresh the scenes that for so many years had been hidden in her heart.

At the marriage feast she meets Him, the same tender, dutiful son. Yet He is not the same. His countenance is changed. It bears the traces of His conflict in the wilderness, and a new expression of dignity and power gives evidence of His heavenly mission. With Him is a group of young men, whose eyes follow Him with reverence, and who call Him Master.

2) What did these young men say about Him?

John 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did _____, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

It was the custom of the times for marriage festivities to continue several days. On this occasion, before the feast ended it was found that the supply of wine had failed. This discovery caused much perplexity and regret. It was unusual to dispense with wine on festive occasions, and its absence would seem to indicate a want of hospitality.

3) What did Mary mention to Jesus when the feast ran out of wine?

John 2:3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no _____.

4) Jesus replied:

John 2:4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine _____ is not yet come.

5) Was Jesus being rude to His mother?

Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy _____: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

This answer, abrupt as it seems to us, expressed no coldness or discourtesy. The Saviour's form of address to His mother was in accordance with Oriental custom. It was used toward persons to whom it was desired to show respect. Every act of Christ's earthly life was in harmony with the precept He Himself had given.

6) What did Jesus tell Mary at the temple when He was a child?

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my _____ business?



These words struck the keynote of His whole life and ministry. Everything was held in abeyance to His work, the great work of redemption which He had come into the world to accomplish.

As Son of the Most High, and Saviour of the world, no earthly ties must hold Him from His mission, or influence His conduct. He must stand free to do the will of God. This lesson is also for us. The claims of God are paramount even to the ties of human relationship. No earthly attraction should turn our feet from the path in which He bids us walk.

7) What was the immediate calling the Father had for Jesus?

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of _____, and acquainted with _____: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

In saying to Mary that His hour had not yet come, Jesus was replying to her unspoken thought, to the expectation she cherished in common with her people. She hoped that He would reveal Himself as the Messiah, and take the throne of Israel. But the time had not come.

8) What did Mary say in the hearing of those around to prepare the way for Christ?

John 2:5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, _____.

It was to honor Mary's trust, and to strengthen the faith of His disciples, that the first miracle was performed. The disciples were to encounter many and great temptations to unbelief.

9) What did Jesus have the servants of the feast do?

John 2:6-8 And there were set there six _____ of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with _____. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the _____ of the feast. And they bare it.

Instead of the water with which the vessels had been filled, there flowed forth wine. Neither the ruler of the feast nor the guests generally were aware that the supply of wine had failed.

10) How did the ruler of the feast respond when he tasted the new batch?

John 2:9-10 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the _____, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the _____ wine until now.

As men set forth the best wine first, then afterward that which is worse, so does the world with its gifts. That which it offers may please the eye and fascinate the senses, but it proves to be unsatisfying. The wine turns to bitterness, the gaiety to gloom. That which was begun with songs and mirth ends in weariness and disgust.

The gifts of Jesus are ever fresh and new. The feast that He provides for the soul never fails to give satisfaction and joy. Each new gift increases the capacity of the receiver to appreciate and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. He gives grace for grace. There can be no failure of supply.



11) What did Jesus tell Nathanael?

John 1:50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see _____ things than these.

The gift of Christ to the marriage feast was a symbol. The water represented baptism into His death; the wine, the shedding of His blood for the sins of the world. The water to fill the jars was brought by human hands, but the word of Christ alone could impart to it life-giving virtue.

12) What promise did Jesus make to His disciples at the Passover service just before His crucifixion?

Matthew 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it _____ with you in my Father's kingdom.

13) What does the new wine at the communion service commemorate?

1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this _____, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Jesus began and ended His ministry by offering the cup of His sacrifice to His disciples and ended with a promise to drink it new with them in the kingdom.

14) How did Isaiah liken the Second Advent of Christ?

Isaiah 62:5 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom _____ over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

To the mind of Jesus the gladness of the wedding festivities pointed forward to the rejoicing of that day when He shall bring home His bride to the Father's house, and the redeemed with the Redeemer shall sit down to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

15) What did John see in vision concerning our future?

Revelation 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the _____ of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the _____ of saints.

Revelation 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the _____ sayings of God.

Can you see heaven is missing YOU?

Are you interested in seeing that day?

When is the time to prepare to see God?



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