

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Jesus First Miracle

## **John 2: 1 – 12**

When searching to find purpose or meaning in our lives, do we ask God what it is that he wants us to do, or do we allow Satan to deceive us into believing that God is keeping his purpose and his will from us. No matter what our motivation, the word of God has the answers. Our doing comes from a result of our being, and God really wants our doing to come forth from a place of his overflowing love, compassion, mercy, and grace. When we put our faith in Christ, we began to fulfill the Father's purpose and will in our life. This means that God has began transforming our life so that we might become more like his Son, Christ. Therefore, the first thing that God wants mankind to do, is to accept his offer of salvation, and then as we begin our journey of faith, we begin to fulfill our purpose of glorifying him. This means that rather than making decisions based upon those things that only have self-pleasure in them, we must make our decisions based upon the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, decisions that will glorify and please the Lord.

**Micah 6: 8**,....he hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?....

Living justly means living our lives by whatsoever means necessary, that require a sense of right and wrong. Therefore, we must live faithfully, and trustworthy, doing those things that God has in store for us to do. We are given choices in our life, choices to live for Christ, or to live for the world, we do not deserve them, but by these choices, we understand that we should offer the same chances to others, even though they are not deserving of them either. God wants us to impart unto the world the message of the gospel of the saving grace of his Son, Christ. Therefore, when we focus upon who we are in Christ, it is then that we will know what it is that God would have us to do in our life, and whatsoever God says, we will do it.

**John 2: 1 – 5**,....there was a marriage in Cana....and the mother of Jesus was there....and....Jesus....and his disciples....they want wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, they have no wine....Jesus saith....what have I to do with thee, mine hour is not yet come....his mother saith unto the servants, whatsoever he saith unto you, do it....

Now, Mary came to Christ with a problem, but she did not ask him to make or create more wine, she simply brought the concerns of her situation and circumstances to Christ, and then had the faith to tell those that were standing nearby, to follow Christ command. When we pray, it is not our place to tell God what to do or how to do it, but to bring our concerns unto him, and then trust that he will resolve the issue, even when we do not know the details of his timing and place. As servants of God, we are to listen to his instructions, and then respond in like manner. Just like Mary, it is our duty to point others to Christ. In order to do this, we must learn that there is an impassable passageway between the sinless deity of God, and our own sinful worldliness, and it is only through Christ, that the impassable can be made passable. We must decrease in our own self-righteousness and lift up the righteousness of Christ.

**John 3: 30**,....he must increase, but I must decrease....

**Hebrews 11: 6**,.....without faith it is imp[ossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him....

How do we live a life that is pleasing unto the Lord? By doing whatsoever he saith unto us, which comes by and through the word of God, and it begins with the command that we must be born again. Once justified, then we begin to listen to what he saith unto us through, and by our sanctification. To often, those who began a life in Christ, by faith believing in him, stop listening to whatsoever Christ saith, because they take their eyes off of Christ, and began to doubt God and his word. Believers, who try to live a life in Christ by relying on their own good works, do not please God, because they lack obedience, for, they do not trust in his word. Listening to whatsoever God saith means believing in all that he promises unto us through his word, which means that we are doing that which is well pleasing unto God.

**John 2: 6 – 10,....**there were....six waterpots....Jesus saith....fill the waterpots with water....he saith....draw out now, and bear unto the governor....and they bear it....the ruler of the feast....tasted the water....the governor.... saith....thou hast kept the good wine until now....

God expects us to be active in our faith, therefore, he will often time ask us to participate in his workings of other people. Being active in our faith means being filled with the fulness of God, which is everything that God is, and is the complete character of God. The fulness of God is found in Christ, and as believers we are to find our completeness in Christ and in no one else. Every day we must make the decision to walk in obedience to God. With this, come the opportunities to daily offer our lives in service unto God, to live in the holiness of God. Each one of us was made to manifest the glory of God, and as we continually desire to draw from the fulness of his spirit that is instilled within us, and bear it as a witness unto others, it is then that they will begin to see the goodness that is set forth according to Gods workings in us.

**James 4: 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17,....**ye ask, and ye receive not, because ye ask amiss....but he giveth more grace....submit yourselves there to God....draw nigh to God....humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord....speak not evil one of another, brethren....for that ye ought to say, if the Lord will....therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin....

As believers, we have the word of God for our instruction, for life and for living, and we have been given the Holy Spirit to lead us in the way that we should go. Our motivation and attitude must be to live for Christ every moment of every day, to present ourselves a living sacrifice unto him, trusting in his word, walking in his spirit, all for the salvation of mankind, and all to glorify God.

**John 2: 11 – 12,....**this beginning of miracles....manifested forth his glory....and they continued there not many days....

Through the workings of Christ, the glory of God will shine forth, and the faith of the believers within the church will grow stronger. The significance of Christ work is to show unto those who are living in darkness, that restoration through Christ is possible. Christ came, and he brought with him salvation, and he gave it unto all those who will have faith and believe upon his name. Many miracles occur in our life today, but they occur in ways that seem so natural that we do not often recognize them as miracles. How could this be, and how can Gods glory be manifested in such a way that so few of his believers will even know that a miracle has been performed. It is because those who believe in Christ do not really see Christ for who he truly is. We do not behold his glory, for we are looking for the wrong kind of glory.

**John 20: 29,....**Thomas, because thou hast seen me thou hast believed, blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed....

Everything in our life in Christ is a miracle from God, but in order to be a part of it we must be able to see it, and we can only see it by faith believing in the one that is performing it.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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