

Simply Jesus | Simply Extraordinary

John 2:1-25

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30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

—John 20:30-31

I. How We Can Know Jesus:

1. Many things can cause us to associate with Jesus:
 - Tradition, Obligation, Reputation

11 This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

—John 2:11

2. One thing is required for relationship with Jesus:
 - Belief (John 2:11)

II. Understanding the Nature of Jesus:

1. Jesus possesses extraordinary power (John 2:9, Hebrews 1:3).

9 ...the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine...,

—John 2:9a

3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the

universe by the word of His power...

—Hebrews 1:3a

2. Jesus uses extraordinary things (John 2:6, 1 Corinthians 2:27).

6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

—John 2:6

27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

—1 Corinthians 1:27

3. Jesus accomplishes extraordinary results (John 2:10, Mark 7:37).

10 ... "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."

—John 2:10

37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well..."

—Mark 7:37a

III. Keeping The Right Perspective on Jesus:

14 In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15 And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple...

—John 2:14-15a

1. Are we motivated by our gain or God's glory? (John 2:14-16)

24 But Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

—John 24-25

2. Are we pursuing our agenda or God's will? (John 2:23-25)

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ... 21 But He was speaking about the temple of His body.
—*John 2:19, 21*

Study Questions

1. Read John 2 again. What are 2-3 things that stand out to you in this chapter? If you were already familiar with the passage, what do you see now that you didn't notice before?
2. What distinguishes an association from a relationship? Which describes your current experience of Jesus and how do you feel about that? Who do you know that may have an association rather than a relationship with Jesus? Take some time to pray for them and ask God how he might want to use you to encourage them.
3. Read Hebrews 1:3, 1 Corinthians 1:27 and Mark 7:37 again. What are some other scriptures that relate similar themes? Which aspect of Jesus' nature (the power he possesses, the things he uses, the results he accomplishes) encourages you most and why? In what specific situation(s) can an increased awareness of these things impact how you live your life this week?
4. What is your reaction to the phrases "our benefit vs. God's glory" and "our agenda vs. God's will"? Are there any specific areas God may be drawing your attention to where a course-correction is needed? If you're with a group, spend some time praying for and encouraging one another about these things.