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Come & See: John 2

Followers of Jesus have more reasons to celebrate, even in difficult times, than anyone else! But we can't ask God to rejoice with us in the moments we are operating outside of His will.

John 2:1-12 - THE WEDDING AT CANA:

¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." ¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. ¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

If what we celebrate is good, invite Jesus to make it even better!

- A wedding is good, but Jesus being there made it better.
- 2:10, "you have saved the best (wine) till now"

How to be a blessing to your community:

- 2:2, "been invited" - accept more invitations
- 2:3, "no more wine" - look for opportunities to help
- 2:5, "do whatever" - do whatever God tells you to do
- 2:6, "nearby stood six" - use resources that are available
- 2:11, "glory...believed" - give God the glory

John 2:13-17 - THE CLEARING OF THE TEMPLE COURTS:

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Jesus is a killjoy if what we celebrate is sin.

- 2:14, "he found people selling" - He sees our sin
- 2:15, "whip...scattered...overturned" - He is against sin
- 2:16, "get out...stop" - He wants us to stop sinning
- 2:17, "zeal for your house" - He helps us pursue holiness

John 2:18-25 - THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS:

18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." 20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. 23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. 24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. 25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

Jesus constantly reminds us of what matters most.

- 2:21, "he was raised from the dead"
- Our celebrations should reflect the truth that God loves us.
- The best reason for us to celebrate: "...rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:20)

The Explore the Bible class starts next week on Sunday, 3/6/22 at 10:20am in Small Church. Consider coming to this class to study 1 Thessalonians and staying afterwards to attend the 11:40am worship service.