



EMOJIs and the Gospel of John - Chapter 2 questions

Let's start with a "Would you rather..." question: Would you rather be able to perform miracles or would you rather have a friend that you hang out with all the time be able to perform miracles? Ponder this one for a little while before answering the question, and then share why you came up with your answer.

The second chapter of John can be divided into two sections. The first part is the first recorded miracle of Jesus's ministry, as Jesus turns water into wine. Read the note and the verses for 🤔 John 2:1-11. Why do you think Jesus waited until now to go "public" with His ministry? Going public means being willing to share your faith. If you are a believer, what are ways you share (or could share) your faith with others?

If you are not a believer, taking that step is as simple as stopping and praying to God, admitting you need Him, and asking His son, Jesus, into your heart as your personal savior. This can be done on your own, but, if/when you do so, share that you took this step with someone that you know is a believer. Sharing that step of faith, like Jesus, is just one way that you can publicly take a step of faith. Another is baptism, which we will talk about in a later chapter in this study. You can talk to a believer you are close to, personally, about baptism before we get to that chapter!

Read the study note on 📌 John 2:4. Jesus is sharing that His hour has not yet come, which points to a time when His earthly ministry will end. Until then, Jesus will walk just as you and I do every day, allowing God to use Him until that hour has come. What are ways that God has used you in your every day walk? What are ways that He can continue to use you until your hour has come?



The second half of chapter two in John turns from Jesus performing a miracle to Jesus cleansing the temple. Also, in John 2:12-13, Passover is mentioned. Passover was a feast that was linked to the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, which would take place seven days after Passover. This was the time of the year that every Jewish family would clean their house together to make sure that there was no leaven (bread that contained yeast) anywhere in the house. This is where the term “spring cleaning” comes from. In the Bible, yeast was a symbol of evil and sin. If you were to do some spring cleaning right now, where/what would you personally have to clean up to be right with God?

What actions would you need to take to “clean up your act” for God?

When people share the story of Jesus turning over the moneychanger’s tables, many paint the picture of Jesus being out of control and causing a huge scene. Ephesians 4:26 tells us we can be angry, yet not sin. Such is the case with Jesus as he turned over the tables. Why do you think this would be considered “righteous anger?”

At the beginning of the study, you were asked a “Would you rather...” question. Jesus performed his first miracle in this chapter. Because of it, people believed. But, Jesus knew that they needed a sign and that people that needed constant signs would eventually stop believing. Sadly, that is human nature. Read 😬 John 2:23-25. Now ask yourself this question: “Would you rather walk by faith with Jesus or would you rather live your life hoping for signs that might point to your faith in Him?”