

LESSON 13

Name: _____

The Wedding Feast at Cana John 2:1-12

Directions: Read the cited scripture passages and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. Which gospel besides John contains this miracle? _____
2. What incident precedes this miracle in John's gospel?

3. What do you think is the connection between these two passages?

4. What do John 1:19-28, 1:29, 1:35, 1:43, and 2:1 have in common?

5. What other book of the Bible starts with seven days? _____
6. God created the world in those first seven days, and Jesus is now doing what?

7. What is the first thing Mary says in John 2:3? _____
8. On the story level, this statement means

9. Now Amos 9:13f, Joel 2:24, Isaiah 25:6, and Jeremiah 31:12 all compare the arrival of the messianic era with a _____.
10. So on the deeper, symbolic level Mary's statement means the people don't have
_____.
11. Jesus replies in John 2:4: "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not
_____."
12. The most famous female in the Bible, other than Mary, to be addressed as "Woman" was
_____ (Gen 2:23).
13. To what does the word "hour" refer in John 7:30, 8:20, 12:23, 13:1, and 19:14?

14. What Jesus is saying to his mother, then, is that he cannot bring the Messianic wine until his
_____.
15. The meaning of Mary's admonition in John 2:5 is:
 - A. on the story level she is telling the servers to _____
 - B. but on the symbolic level she tells us all to _____

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16. John 2:6 mentions six stone water jars standing nearby. What was the water in those jars used for?

17. Thus Jesus takes the water of the Jewish sacramental rite of purification, and changes it into the wine of the Christian sacramental rite of _____.
18. The headwaiter's comment in John 2:10 means:
 - A. on the story level: the hosts have saved _____
 - B. on the symbolic level: God has kept the _____
19. Just as at his birth in Matthew and Luke, in John the messianic Jesus is introduced to the world by _____.
20. This incident takes place at the beginning of Jesus' public life on the story level. But on the symbolic level, it takes place at _____.
21. Jesus' miraculous deed is not called a miracle by John. In John 2:11 it is called a _____.
22. In other words, the deed is not intended to amaze the onlookers, but to call their attention to _____.
23. Back to the words, "On the third day" in John 2:1. Throughout the gospels they refer to _____. (see Mt 16:21, 17:23, Lk 9:22, 18:33)
24. As an introduction to this incident, they point out that Jesus cannot bring the messianic wine until his death and _____.
25. Why should the first miracle of Jesus take place at a wedding feast in John? As Matthew 9:15 indicates, Jesus will enter a marital-like intimacy with his people as their _____.