

## John 2 - New Wine

Joh 2:1-25 ESV On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

### They have no wine = "What does this have to do with me?"

- Jesus' interest in wine related to
  - **The New Covenant** -- in His blood for the forgiveness of sin - my hour has not come
  - **He also speaks of a NEW WINE** that can't be put into OLD SKINS

### The first of His signs - Water into Wine

6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 9 When the master of the feast **tasted the water now become wine**, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "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.**" 11 This, the first of his **signs**, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and **manifested his glory**. And **his disciples believed in him**.

### **Interesting things about the story**

- This was the first of His **SIGNS - a sign points to something**
- These were stone jars for *Jewish rites of purification* (not for drinking)
- The water was **changed to wine**...transition from waters of purification OT to a new wine NT
- The best was kept until the end...**The best for last** (Jesus the one who brings the wine of the New Covenant - His blood)

### **NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS**

Mat 9:9-17 ESV As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "**Follow me.**" And he rose and followed him. And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, **many tax collectors and sinners** came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "**Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?**" 12 But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, **but those who are sick.**" 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For **I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.**" 14 Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" 15 And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. *16 No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made.* 17 **Neither is new wine put into old wineskins.** If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

## The ritual washings cannot affect the heart

Mar 7:1-9 ESV Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, 2 they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. 3 (For the Pharisees and **all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders**, 4 and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as **the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches**.) 5 And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" 6 And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, **'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'** 8 You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." 9 And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!"

### **Lepers were unclean - you could not touch them - but Jesus touched them**

- Mat 8:1-3 ESV .....3 And Jesus stretched out his hand and **touched him**, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

### **If you came in contact w/ a woman on her period you were unclean for a time (Lev 15)**

- Luk 8:43-46 ESV .....44 She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and **immediately her discharge of blood ceased**.

### **If you touched a dead body you were unclean (Num 19)**

- Luk 8:54-55 ESV **But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise."** 55 And **her spirit returned**, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat.

### **A prostitute was considered morally unclean**

- Luk 7:36-50 ESV .....39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." .....50 And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

## The temple of His body

12 After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days. 13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 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, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; **do not make my Father's house a house of trade.**" 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "**Zeal for your house will consume me.**" 18 So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**" 20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But **he was speaking about the temple of his body**. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and **they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken**.

- They lost sight of the purpose of the temple - It is reestablished in relationship with HIM

## Jesus did not entrust himself to them

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, **many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.** 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.

### **BELIEVED in vs 23 and ENTRUST in vs 24 are the same Greek word**

- You find in the stories of the gospel a sort of fickleness with some people
- They follow Jesus because he gave them bread to eat
- Or they see a sign and believe (such as here)
- But it is not a belief that surrenders all - so Jesus did not ENTRUST himself to them
- It is like the question he asked the first disciples - **“What Are You Seeking?”**

### **SUMMARY**

1. Jesus brings **NEW WINE...The best for last**
2. Jesus brings the **PRESENCE of God**
3. Jesus **KNOWS THE HEART of man**