

Introduction: Examining your “Jesus filters”

Question: Which is the easiest for you to picture in your mind?

1. ☐ Jesus praying
☐ Jesus partying
2. ☐ Jesus looking holy
☐ Jesus laughing loudly
3. ☐ Jesus sipping tea
☐ Jesus drinking wine
4. ☐ Jesus frowning at your mistake
☐ Jesus smiling at you with understanding
5. ☐ Jesus calm and reserved
☐ Jesus in an outburst of anger
6. ☐ Jesus keeping the peace – a religious leader
☐ Jesus causing a riot – a radical revolutionary

Question: Could your “filters” be blinding you to the real Jesus of the Bible?

Discovering the “Unfiltered” Jesus in John 2

What does John Chapter 2 _____?

- Context: The first five disciples follow Him. John 1:35 – 51

- Structure: Two specific sections – the Wedding and the Whipping

- Observations: The Wedding John 2:1-11
 1. The host runs out of wine.
 2. Jesus’ mother requests help.
 3. Jesus instructs the servants, water supernaturally turns into wine.
 4. Only the disciples and servants are aware of a miracle.
 5. This miracle is Jesus’ first “sign.”
 6. The disciples see Jesus in a new light and believe.

- Observations: The Whipping John 2: 12-25
 1. Jesus goes to the Passover Feast in Jerusalem.
 2. Jesus drives out animals and money changers.
 3. Jesus calls the Temple His Father’s house.
 4. Jesus’ authority is challenged by the Pharisees.
 5. Jesus performs many miracles.
 6. Many people believe on His name.
 7. Jesus knows men’s hearts.

What does John Chapter 2 _____?

➤ Questions to consider: The Wedding

1. Why did Jesus launch His movement here?
2. What are we to make of the conversation with His mother?
3. What significance is there in the six stone jars?
4. What underlying spiritual implications are we to grasp?
5. How did this miracle position, or launch, His ministry with the disciples?

➤ Questions to consider: The Whipping

1. Why did Jesus go to the feast in Jerusalem?
2. Why is John's account different from Matthew, Mark, and Luke's?
3. Why does Jesus react so passionately and violently at the Temple?
4. What are the underlying spiritual implications of this section?
5. How did this event shape Jesus' relationship with the –
 - Religious leaders?
 - His disciples?
 - The multitudes?

What does John Chapter 2 mean to _____?

1. Jesus wants to do _____ to me. John 2:1-5
see also – Psalm 84:11

2. Jesus wants to _____ my life from the inside out by a supernatural miracle, not by external religious rituals. John 2:6-10
see also - 2 Corinthians 5:17

3. I must _____ Him and believe in Him to see His glory and continue His movement. John 2:11
see also – Matthew 4:19
2 Corinthians 5:17

4. My _____ is His temple today and He demands authentic worship from me 24/7. John 2:12-17
see also – Romans 12:1-2
1 Corinthians 6

5. I can trust Him and His Word because He _____ from the dead. John 2:18-25
see also – 1 Corinthians 15

Discussion Questions:

1. Has your view (“filter”) of Jesus changed?

2. What new insight did you gain about His movement?

3. What next step do you need to take to follow Him?