

Gospel of John (Gospel of Love)

John 1 Review – The purpose of the Gospel of John accomplished in Chapter 1

* 1-15 - Apostle John's Witness, 19-36 - John/Baptist Witness, 37-51 - Disciples Witness

John 2

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. **3** And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." **4** Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." **5** His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

* Recently heard the great Theologian/Comedian Mark Lowry teach this section/scripture...

- You Tube Video <https://youtu.be/Y3lp0z981iM> (11:56-13:03 & 13:47-15:02)

- I love it/Mary paid no attention/Jesus' response! – Guess certain privileges as Mother/God

* "My Hour" - First mention of one of the Unique Characteristics of the Gospel/John/Love

4. John's Gospel follows the storyline of the hour for which Jesus came.

- "Hour" - used 100 times in the Bible, 22 times in John (22% of the whole Bible)

John 2:4 - Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

John 4:21 - Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

John 4:23 - But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

John 5:25 - Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

John 5:28 - Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

John 7:30 - Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

John 8:20 - These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

John 12:23 - But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

John 12:27 - "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour?' But for this purpose I came to this hour.

John 13:1 - Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

John 16:32 - Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

John 17:1 - Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

John 19:27 - Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

Respond - How important was that hour to Jesus? How important is that hour for us?

2. Whatever He says to you, do it! I have received amazing counsel/mom! Amazing counsel!

Respond – Recommend we all take this mother's counsel! (Read/Hear/Obey Red Letters!)

6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. **7** Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. **8** And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. **9** When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. **10** And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" **11** This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

* First – One thing we know, is that this was NOT Jesus' wedding. We disagree w/teachings: Mormon Apostle Orson Hyde, Orson Pratt, Presidents Wilford Woodruff/Joseph F. Smith
- Why would they teach that? Why am I bringing it up? Required/be Married/Exaltation
- Bible is VERY clear that Jesus was invited to the wedding, master/feast did not call Jesus!

1. This IS the first "sign"/miracle that John uses to prove Jesus Christ/Son/Everlasting Life
2. The servants did exactly what Jesus told them to – they got to be used in Jesus' miracle!

Respond – If we will Read/Heed/Words of Jesus I believe He will continue to do miracles!

12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days. **13** Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. (80 miles) **14** And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. **15** When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. **16** And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" **17** Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "*Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.*" (**Ps 69:9**)

1. Found in the temple...doing business – Totally Ok

Deuteronomy 14:24–26 - But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, or if the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the LORD your God has blessed you, **25** then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses. **26** And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.

* Jesus problem was they were doing business – Gk/*emporion* (emporium) a place where trade is carried on, esp. a seaport.

* They were making a profit, in fact history tells us, gouging the people

* Made/Father's house den of thieves instead of/house of prayer/worship (Matt 21:12-13)

* Isn't it interesting, the first thing Jesus is seen doing in the temple is cleansing it!

* That's what He will do in us, in our temple, He will come in and cleanse it.

* The last thing we see Jesus doing in the temple in Matt 21 is...cleansing it.

* That's what He will do in us, in our temple, He will come back in and cleanse it!

Respond – Will you let Jesus come in and cleanse you, make you a temple/prayer/worship?!

2. See He drove all of them out...how does one man drive all them out – God!

3. Hear Him say, My Father's house – Jesus claims to be the Son of God!

18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?” **19** Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” **20** Then the Jews 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 of the temple of His body. **22** Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

1. Destroy this temple/3 days raise it up – This is the only confirmed accusation in Jesus trial **Matthew 26:59–61** - Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, **60** but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward **61** and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ”

* Why? Because it was true! When He had risen from the dead!

* If he hadn't – Everyone that had much to loose, who had the power and the resources to prove it would have!

* The Chief Priests/Elders/Sanhedrin; Roman Soldiers/Centurion; Politicians/Pilate – surely had the power and resources to prove it; lastly Satan himself would have proved it! Couldn't!

* Because V22 says, Therefore, when He HAD risen from the dead...they believed/scriptures/word of Jesus

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. **24** But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, **25** and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

* Jesus did not commit Himself to men, because He knew what was in all men...

* He knew not all 12 believed in Him,

* He knew they would all forsake Him,

* He knew His strongest advocate would deny Him three times

* He knew He was the Savior of Men, He was the faithful one, we would need to put our faith in Him and not He in us...and I have proved that 100 million times!

Respond

* So today, who are you going to put your trust and faith in?

* Who's word are you going to believe today?

* Religions, Powerful people of the World, those who try to prove Jesus did not rise from the dead?

* Or the truth of History, of Prophecy, of the Word of God that has and will never change? Therefore, when He had risen from the dead. You can bet your life on it!

Was Jesus Married? Mormon Doctrine

An article in the May 17, 2006 issue of the *Deseret News* titled “LDS do not endorse claims in ‘DaVinci’” stated, “LDS doctrine does not endorse claims made in a popular book and movie that Jesus Christ was married.”

In a general conference message on October 6, 1854, Mormon Apostle Orson Hyde stated,

“How was it with Mary and Martha, and other women that followed him [Jesus]? In old times, and it is common in this day, the women, even as Sarah, called their husbands Lord; the word Lord is tantamount to husband in some languages, master, lord, husband, are about synonymous... When Mary of old came to the sepulchre on the first day of the week, instead of finding Jesus she saw two angels in white, ‘And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?’ She said unto them, ‘Because they have taken away my Lord,’ or husband, ‘and I know not where they have laid him.’ And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.’ Is there not here manifested the affections of a wife. These words speak the kindred ties and sympathies that are common to that relation of husband and wife” (*Journal of Discourses 2:81*).

In that same talk he went on to say:

“Now there was actually a marriage; and if Jesus was not the bridegroom on that occasion, please tell who was. If any man can show this, and prove that it was not the Savior of the world, then I will acknowledge I am in error. We say it was Jesus Christ who was married, to be brought into the relation whereby he could see his seed, before he was crucified” (*Journal of Discourses 2:82*).

Mormon Apostle Orson Pratt agreed with his contemporary when he wrote,

“One thing is certain, that there were several holy women that greatly loved Jesus — such as Mary, and Martha her sister, and Mary Magdalene; and Jesus greatly loved them, and associated with them much; and when He arose from the dead, instead of showing Himself to His chosen witnesses, the Apostles, He appeared first to these women, or at least to one of them — namely, Mary Magdalene. Now it would be natural for a husband in the resurrection to appear first to his own dear wives, and afterwards show himself to his other friends. If all the acts of Jesus were written, we no doubt should learn that these beloved women were His wives” (*The Seer, p.159*).

On page 172 of the same book, Pratt wrote,

“We have now clearly shown that God, the Father had a plurality of wives, one or more being in eternity, by whom He begat our spirits as well as the spirit of Jesus His First Born... We have also proved most clearly that the Son followed the example of his Father, and became the great Bridegroom to whom kings’ daughters and many honorable Wives to be married.”

On July 22, 1883, Wilford Woodruff recorded the words of Joseph F. Smith in his journal.

(At the time Woodruff was an LDS apostle while Smith was a member of the First Presidency serving as second counselor to President John Taylor.) Woodruff wrote,

“Evening Meeting. Prayer By E Stephenson. Joseph F Smith spoke One hour & 25 M. He spoke upon the Marriage in Cana at Galilee. He thought Jesus was the Bridegroom and Mary & Martha the brides. He also referred to Luke 10 ch. 38 to 42 verse, Also John 11 ch. 2 & 5 vers John 12 Ch 3d vers, John 20 8 to 18. Joseph Smith spoke upon these passages to show that Mary & Martha manifested much Closer relationship than Merely A Believer which looks Consistet. He did not think that Jesus who decended throug Poligamous families from Abraham down & who fulfilled all the Law even baptism by immersion would have lived and died without being married.” (*Wilford Woodruff’s Journal 8:187, July 22, 1883, spelling left intact*).

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