

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

## Lesson Four—The Gospel of John Chapter 2

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1. Compare and contrast: The wedding at Cana and the clearing of the temple in Jerusalem. Be sure to include:
  - a) The role of Jesus and His disciples
  - b) What you **think** Jesus' emotions were
  - c) Jesus' actions: what they were; who asked for miraculous signs; and who witnessed His actions
  - d) What the results of the encounters were

<u>Wedding/Cana</u>	<u>Temple/Jerusalem</u>
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2. At the request for a miracle, why do you **think** Jesus complied at the wedding and refused at the temple?
  
3. What greater truth might Jesus be trying to teach in turning the water from ceremonial washing jars into wine and the temple being raised after three days?
  
4. What do you **think** Jesus means when He tells His mother, "My time has not yet come" in John 2:4?
  
5. a) What did Jesus' mother do after this reply from Jesus?

b) Why do you **think** she did this?

6. Do you **think** Jesus was coerced into performing this miracle? Why or why not?

7. What do you **think** is the significance of the master of the banquet's speech in John 2:10?

8. Why was Jesus angry about the money changers and animal sellers at the temple in John 2:14–17?

9. What do you **think** Jesus' violent clearing of the temple with a whip ("scourge" in the NASB) reveals?

10. a) John 2:21 says, "But the temple He had spoken of was His body." How are temples and bodies related in Scripture? (Look up 1 Corinthians 3:16–17; 1 Corinthians 6:19, and 2 Corinthians 6:16 for starters. Share other scriptures you know with the group).
- b) What has infiltrated your "temple" and requires action from the Holy Spirit?
- c) Outline what specific steps you will take to address this.
11. a) Are you a person that can easily "entrust" yourself to someone or are you more wary? Write out a principle or truth that you learn from John 2:24–25 that pertains to your bent.
- b) How do you think this "bent" affects your relationship with Jesus?

