

KNOWING THE TRUTH**At the Wedding John 2:1–25**

“[Jesus] thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.” John 2:11b

1. John 2:1–11 is an account of a wedding and of Jesus’ first “miraculous sign” (vs. 11). Briefly describe the sign. Why do you think John calls this a sign instead of a miracle?
2. Describe Mary’s initial reaction to the problem at the wedding. Describe her attitude towards her son: did she obey Jesus or did he obey her? What can we learn from Mary’s example?
3. Still looking at verses 1–11, list a few things that you learn about Jesus.
4. Describe the disciples’ reaction to Jesus’ first miraculous sign (vs. 11). Do you think Nathanael was surprised at what Jesus did at the wedding? Why or why not? (Recall John. 1:50.)
5. Is there a lesson for you in this account of the wedding? Share it with your group.
6. Read the rest of the chapter (verses 12–25). Now read the Old Testament prophecies in Malachi 3:1–3 and Psalm 69:9. (Note: The Levites who Malachi speaks of were the priests who served in the temple.) How do the words of the prophets spring to life in this section of John 2?
7. Keeping in mind that the outer court of the temple was the only place for Gentiles (non-Jews) to pray, can you guess why Jesus cleared this area?

8. What do the religious leaders ask of Jesus? What does their insistence on further proof of Christ's authority reveal about their hearts?

9. How do we sometimes have a similar attitude today?

10. Explain what Jesus means in verse 19. (See verse 21.) How would this be a sign of his authority?

11. Looking back through this chapter, write down some reasons people might have had for believing in his name.

12. Think about the two stories in this chapter. Use one phrase for each story to describe Jesus' actions. Has there been a time in your life when you have seen Jesus reveal himself to you in either of these ways? Describe, and share them with your group if you feel comfortable.