John Lesson 5

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INTRODUCTION

- The best way to study the Bible is to do it verse by verse, keeping the scripture in context.
- The Bible taken in its proper context and shown along with other verses that relate to the same subject, will not prove contradictory beliefs.
- If we're going to understand what the Bible really says about the matter of drinking wine, Then let's get the background. Let's get the context.

1 Woman, What Have I to Do With Thee?

John 2:4–5; John 19:26

- Jesus saith unto her woman, What have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come.
- For him to use this word that is translated woman, is not a sign of discourtesy.
- When he says, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Actually he's saying, as we would put it, leave the matter to me.

2 Mine Hour Is Not Yet Come

John 7:30; John 13:1; John 17:1

- What Jesus seems to refer to in the use of mine hour is the time of his death.
- The hour for which he had come into this world that he might become the sacrifice for the sins of the world.
- If Jesus is going to perform the miracle and this being the first of his miracles he then begins to stir up notoriety.

3 Six Water Pots and the Very Best Wine

John 2:6–10

- There were set there six water pots of stone after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
- Six water pots filled to the brim that would hold two to three firkins apiece would have been at a minimum a hundred gallons of water, and maybe as much as a hundred and eighty gallons.
- Jesus had worked the miracle and had shown power over quality, for the wine that is now being served is the very best wine.
- At this wedding feast, they had already well drunk, as the King James states this passage here.

4 The Purpose of Miracles: That Ye Might Believe

John 2:11; John 20:30–31; Acts 2:22

- This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee and manifested forth his glory, and his disciples believed on him.
- The purpose for the signs, the wonders, and the miracles which Jesus did was to cause men and women to believe.
- These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life through his name.
- The purpose for miracles was to give as God's certificate of approval, that he is the Christ, the Son of God.

5 Miracles, Wonders, and Signs

John 3:2; Matthew 15:30–31

- There are three words that describe the same work miracle, wonder, and sign.
- No man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him.
- Those kind of miracles that we read about that Jesus performed and that his disciples performed in the New Testament days are not being worked today.
- What Christ did, only God could have done. And that proved God was with him.

6 Was Jesus Approving of Drinking Alcoholic Beverages?

Matthew 9:17; Proverbs 23:29–32; Galatians 5:21

- The word wine of itself does not signify whether it is fermented or unfermented.
- Even if it were fermented, it would have been different in its alcoholic content from what is normally bought in a store today.
- In the Old Testament, drunkenness was condemned, just as in the New Testament, drunkenness is condemned.
- Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, At the last it bideth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.
- A drunkard can be forgiven any sin can be forgiven as we repent and turn to the Lord.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do not misuse the Bible as though it gives proof for drinking alcohol, when that would only be a selfish use in your own time. You don't need to drink it today.**

MY NOTES