

The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

Lesson Six -- John 2:1-25; 3:1-21

Summary of Lesson

In this lesson Jesus leaves Bethabara (where John was baptizing, and where John had borne witness that Jesus was the Lamb of God (Jn. 1:35,36), and with His mother goes to Cana (in Galilee) where He attends a marriage feast and performs His first miracle (water into wine), after which they go to Capernaum (on northwest shore of the sea of Galilee). Following this, Jesus goes to Jerusalem to attend the Passover (the first one since beginning His ministry), and while there cleanses the temple, speaking of His resurrection so that many came to believe on Him. While in Jerusalem, Nicodemus comes to Him at night to question Him. The next lesson will deal with Jesus' return to Galilee.

John 2:1-25

{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." {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. {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. {14} And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers 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." {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. {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.

John 3:1-21

{1} There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. {2} This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." {3} Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." {4} Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" {5} Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. {6} "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. {7} "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' {8} "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." {9} Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" {10} Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? {11} "Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. {12} "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? {13} "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. {14} "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, {15} "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. {16} "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that

whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. {17} "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. {18} "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. {19} "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. {20} "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. {21} "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.

Questions on Lesson Six

1. What was the custom in setting out the wine at a marriage feast?
2. To where did Jesus go after the wedding?
3. Why did Nicodemus think Jesus was a teacher from God?
4. Jesus asked Nicodemus, "Art thou a _____ of _____?"
5. Jesus commanded those in the temple not to make His Father's house into what?
6. What do men love? Why?
7. Why did Jesus not commit Himself to men?
8. In what city did Jesus attend a marriage?
9. What will not happen to the man who believes on God's son? (Two answers)
10. How long did it take to build the Jerusalem temple?
11. Whom did the governor (or, master) call upon when he tasted the new wine?
12. When Jesus told Nicodemus that it was necessary to be born again in order to see the kingdom of God, what kind of birth did Nicodemus think Jesus had in mind?
13. To what does the man who loves truth come? Why?
14. What reason did Jesus first give for not doing anything about the lack of wine at the marriage feast?
15. What was Nicodemus?
16. What did Jesus go to Jerusalem to attend?
17. The Son of Man was to be lifted up like what else?
18. To what was Jesus referring when He said He would rebuild "this temple in three days?"
19. What does the man who believes on the Son of God have?
20. How much would each of the waterpots used by Jesus hold?
21. The new birth is a birth of the _____ and the _____.
22. What was the result of Jesus' first miracle with the disciples?
23. What did Jesus find in the temple at Jerusalem?
24. For what purpose did God send His Son into the world?
25. Who is condemned already?