

# “What Sign Do You Show Us?”

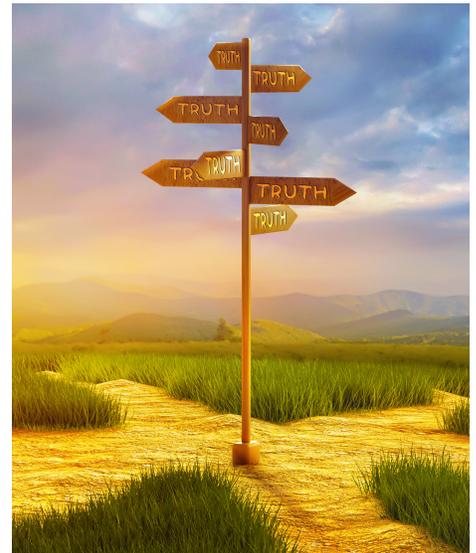
## JOHN 2 · LESSON 4

If there's a key word we need to be on the lookout for in **John 2** (and throughout the rest of John's Gospel) it is “\_\_\_\_\_.” Remember John's “mission statement” in **John 20:30-31**:

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

So what sort of “signs” does Jesus show us in **John 2**?

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee... (**2:1**) Mary, the mother of Jesus was there, along with Jesus and his disciples. And while they were there, the wine ran out. “This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his \_\_\_\_\_” (**2:11**), turning more than 100 gallons of water into wine. What effect did the sign have? “And his disciples \_\_\_\_\_ in him” (**2:11**).



In **John 2:13**, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for the Passover of the Jews.

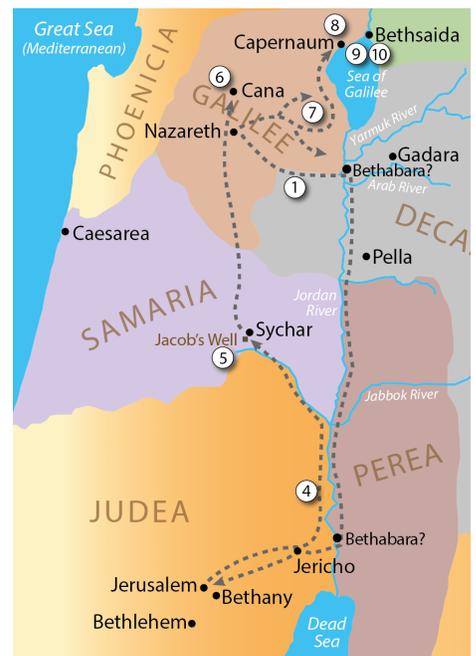
In the \_\_\_\_\_ he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my \_\_\_\_\_ house a house of trade.” (**2:14-16**)

And what did the Jews want to know? “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” (**2:18**). Listen carefully to Jesus' response:

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will \_\_\_\_\_ it up.” (**2:19**)

While many were confused as to how Jesus could ever do such a thing, John wants to make sure we understand: “he was speaking about the temple of his \_\_\_\_\_” (**2:21**). Notice again, “many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing” (**2:23**).

We also want to believe, so let's look at the signs together...



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- In [John 2:4](#), we hear Jesus say to his mother Mary, “My hour has not yet come.” We will hear Jesus talk about his “hour” many times in John’s Gospel, so it’s definitely something to be watching for, but what do you think he meant with this first mention of the “hour”?
- What do we see from Mary in [John 2:5](#)? Is there anything we can learn from what she said to the servants?
- John describes the miracle Jesus worked at the wedding in Cana as a “sign” ([2:11](#)). Why? What do signs do? What’s their purpose?
- John also describes this sign as an opportunity for Jesus to “manifest his glory” ([2:11](#)). What does that important-sounding phrase mean?
- Why was it completely inappropriate for people to be selling oxen and sheep and pigeons along with money-changers working “in the temple”? Is there anything we should learn from that?
- Notice again what Jesus said in [John 2:16](#). Why were his words significant?
- What did the disciples remember in [John 2:17](#)? Where had that been “written”?
- In [John 2:18](#), the Jews asked for a “sign” from Jesus. Did he give them one in [2:19](#)?
- Finally, what does John tell us about Jesus in [2:24-25](#)? What should we take away from [John 2](#) about Jesus? What should we believe? Why should we believe it? What difference does it make?