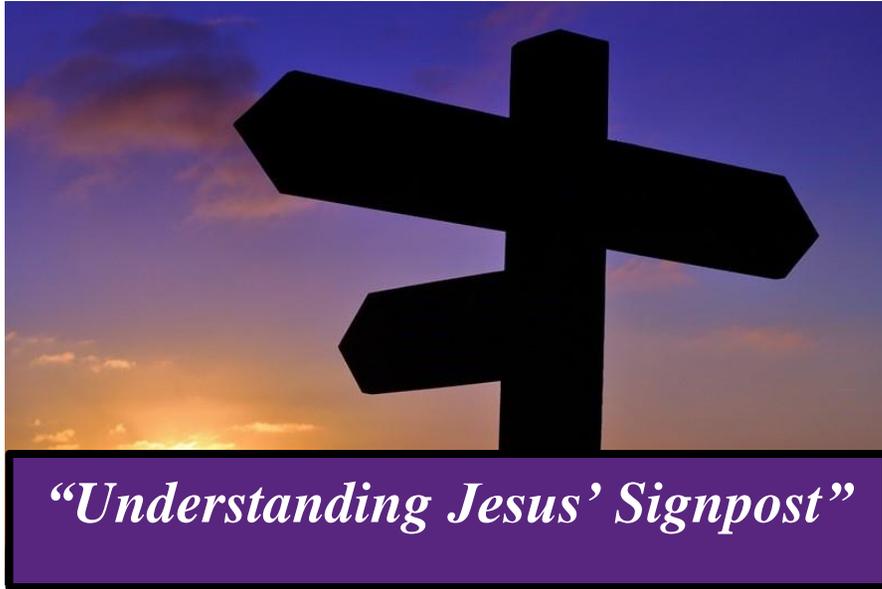


Sunday, September 20, 2020

Fall Series: "Nobody but Jesus"- Studies in John's Good News about Jesus



John 2:1-12

“Have you ever experienced a miracle? Does the question make you uncomfortable? Why?”

John jumps into Jesus’ ministry and places Jesus in the middle of a wedding celebration. How easy is it for me to picture in the middle of everyday life?

In John 2:4 we see Mary’s relationship with Jesus change as Jesus enters adulthood. How have we seen our relationship with Jesus change as time goes by?

Read John 2:5. Mary’s confidently tells others to follow Jesus’ instruction, assured he will provide help. Do we have the same confidence?

John 2:6 describes the fullness of Jesus’ miracle. The quantity of wine and the quality of wine. How often do we minimize the extent of God’s power? When was the last time?

John 2:11 says that in this miracle, “he revealed his glory.” When was the last time God revealed his glory to you? Describe how it affected you. How did it affect others?

Read John 2:14-16. Why was the miracle of the wine important for the disciples to witness before Jesus went to the temple?

In John 2:18 the Jews asked Jesus for a sign. Jesus described his future death and resurrection and they did not believe. What was the last sign God gave to me of his power, that I quickly forgot the next time life got hard? How can I apply this passage to my life?

Next Week: “Understanding Jesus’ Invitation”

*****SEE BELOW FOR THIS WEEK’S STUDY QUESTIONS*****

JOHN 2

John 2 records Jesus' first miracle. Do you think miracles still happen today?

Read John 2:1-11.

- Describe the miracle Jesus performs.
- Why do people believe in miracles/not believe in miracles?
- What do you think John wants us to know about Jesus by recording his attendance at a wedding?
- Describe your response to this miracle (amazement, skepticism, disbelief, etc.). Be honest.
- John describes this as a "sign" in verse 11. Why do you think he used the word sign rather than miracle?
- What do you think is significant about this being the first sign?

Read John 2:13-25.

The Passover Celebration was a spring festival celebrating Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12:12-16). In the Exodus account, God commanded the Jewish people to place the lamb's blood over their outside doors. He would "pass over" the houses with the blood, sparing the people inside from judgment. To celebrate this Passover, Jews would eat a special meal together, remembering how God had "passed over" them, sparing them from judgment and securing their freedom from Egyptian slavery. Jewish people from across the Roman Empire would return to Jerusalem for this feast, almost doubling the city's population.

The Jewish temple was strictly divided between people who were Jews by birth and Jews by conversion. Converted Jews worshipped in one area labeled the Court of the Gentiles. Each converted Jew had to pay a temple tax to worship. Since people were coming from around the Roman Empire with a variety of national currencies, they had to convert their currency to the temple money in order to pay the tax and purchase suitable animals for sacrifice. Worship had become a big business.

- Describe the scene at the temple in Jerusalem.
- What do you think led Jesus to take such dramatic steps to clear the temple?
- What does this incident reveal about Jesus?
- If Jesus were to return today, what things do you think He would want to clear out of our churches?
- What does Jesus think about the beliefs of the people in verses 23-25?
- What type of belief do you think He would find to be appropriate?
- If you were in the crowd, how would Jesus look upon your beliefs?