

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 5--John 2

Introduction: The Gospel of John alone reveals the details of Jesus' early ministry in Galilee and Judea. Throughout the book John emphasizes the development of Jesus' conflict with the Jews who rejected Him, as well as the signs that led people to believe in Him. For this reason most of the material in John's gospel discusses Jesus' visits to Jerusalem where his death took place.

Lesson aim: To emphasize Jesus' great power and authority

Jesus turns water to wine--John 2:1-12

1. Where was Jesus' first miracle performed?
2. Some questions about the miracle:
 - A. Why was the miracle performed?
 - B. How much wine was made?
 - C. What does this miracle tell us about Jesus?
 - D. What effect did this miracle have upon Jesus' disciples?

The cleansing of the temple--John 2:13-22

1. To what feast did Jesus go?
2. What did Jesus find people doing in the temple?
3. What did He do about it?
4. What did this reveal about Jesus? What prophecy did Jesus' actions cause the disciples to remember?
5. What sign did Jesus give to those who questioned His authority to act as He had?
6. To what was Jesus referring?
7. What effect did this prophesy have on the disciples after Jesus' resurrection?

Jesus' first disciples at Jerusalem--John 2:23-25

1. What was the initial reaction of many of the people of Jerusalem when they saw Jesus' miracles?
2. Did Jesus know that it would be these people who would later reject Him and would be persuaded to demand His crucifixion?
3. What then did Jesus not do? Why?