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MIRACLES & CONVERSATIONS

JOHN 2-4

We will explore Jesus' first miracle and His early teachings. Significant events, including the wedding at Cana, the cleansing of the Temple, His conversation with Nicodemus, and His encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. Together, they reveal Jesus' identity and His mission as the Savior.

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JOHN 2:1-25 SUMMARY

The Wedding at Cana (2:1-11)

- **Key Points:**

- Jesus attends a wedding in Cana of Galilee with His mother, Mary, and His disciples.
- When the hosts run out of wine, Mary informs Jesus, who initially replies that His hour has not yet come.
- However, Jesus performs His first miracle by turning water into wine, showcasing His divine power and compassion.
- This miracle reveals Jesus' glory and leads His disciples to believe in Him.

Cleansing the Temple (2:13-22)

- **Key Points:**

- Jesus goes to Jerusalem for the Passover and finds merchants selling animals and money changers in the Temple.
- He drives them out, declaring, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."
- This act foreshadows the significance of Jesus' ministry and the new covenant, as He refers to His body as the Temple that will be raised in three days.



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The Purpose of Miracles (2:23–25)

- **Key Points:**
 - Many people believed in Jesus after seeing the signs He performed, but He did not entrust Himself to them, knowing their hearts.
 - This highlights the importance of genuine faith over mere signs and wonders.

THINK ABOUT

- **The Wedding Miracle:** What does the miracle of turning water into wine tell us about Jesus' character and mission?
- **Cleansing the Temple:** Why do you think Jesus was so passionate about cleansing the Temple, and what does this mean for us today?
- **Faith vs. Signs:** How can we cultivate genuine faith that goes beyond seeking signs and wonders?

JOHN 3:1–21 SUMMARY

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus (3:1–15)

- **Key Points:**
 - Nicodemus, a Pharisee and member of the Jewish ruling council, visits Jesus at night to inquire about His teachings.
 - Jesus explains the need to be “born again” to see the Kingdom of God, emphasizing spiritual rebirth.
 - He speaks of being born of water and the Spirit as necessary for eternal life, illustrating the transformation required to enter His kingdom.

The Promise of Salvation (3:16–21)

- **Key Points:**
 - John 3:16 is one of the most famous verses in the Bible, declaring God's love for the world and the promise of eternal life through belief in Jesus.
 - Jesus continues to teach about light and darkness, explaining that those who live by the truth come into the light so their actions may be seen as wrought in God.





THINK ABOUT

- **Being Born Again:** What does it mean to be “born again,” and how does this concept challenge or encourage you in your faith journey?
 - **God’s Love:** How does John 3:16 shape your understanding of God’s relationship with humanity?
 - **Light and Darkness:** Reflect on how Jesus contrasts light and darkness in this passage. How can you live more fully in the light?
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JOHN 4:1-42 SUMMARY

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (4:1-9)

- **Key Points:**
 - Jesus travels through Samaria and stops at Jacob’s well, where He meets a Samaritan woman.
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 - He asks her for water, breaking cultural barriers, as Jews typically do not interact with Samaritans.
 - Their conversation quickly shifts as Jesus reveals His knowledge of her life, exposing her heart and drawing her into a deeper dialogue.

The Living Water (4:10-14)

- **Key Points:**
 - Jesus offers the woman “living water,” which will satisfy her thirst permanently and lead to eternal life.
 - This illustrates the spiritual fulfillment that Jesus offers, in contrast to physical needs.

Worship in Spirit and Truth (4:19-24)

- **Key Points:**
 - The woman recognizes Jesus as a prophet, and they discuss true worship. Jesus explains that true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.
 - He reveals His identity as the Messiah, leading her to accept Him as Savior.



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The Disciples' Returns (4:27–38)

- **Key Points:**

- The disciples return and are surprised to find Jesus speaking with a woman.
- Jesus encourages them to look at the fields ready for harvest, emphasizing the importance of sharing the good news of salvation.

The Woman's Testimony (4:39–42)

- **Key Points:**

- The woman goes back to her town and tells the people about Jesus, leading many to believe in Him.
- They invite Jesus to stay with them, and many more come to faith, declaring, "We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

THINK ABOUT

- **Encounter at the Well:** What barriers does Jesus break down in His conversation with the Samaritan woman? How can we apply this in our interactions with others?
- **Living Water:** How does the concept of "living water" speak to our spiritual thirst today?
- **The Woman's Testimony:** What can we learn from the Samaritan woman's response to share our own faith with others?



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LIFE APPLICATION

- **Responding to Jesus' Invitation:** Reflect on what it means to accept Jesus' offer of living water in your life. Are there areas where you feel spiritually thirsty?
 - **Active Witnessing:** Like the Samaritan woman, think about your testimony and how you can share your encounters with Jesus with those around you.
 - **Practicing Worship:** Explore what it means to worship God in spirit and truth within your daily life. How can you integrate this into your routine?
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CONCLUSION

As we explore these chapters, we see Jesus revealing His identity and mission through signs, teachings, and personal encounters. The baptism, the conversations about spiritual rebirth and living water, and the outreach to Samaritan communities reflect the heart of Jesus' ministry, His desire to transform lives and invite everyone into His kingdom. May we embrace His call and share the good news with boldness!

