

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Signs of Authority John 2:1-25

I. The Wedding at Cana (vs. 1-12)

A. Concerns

1. The wedding will be ruined
2. Will God come through?
 - a. The problem is in the question (Job 9:1-13)
 - b. Don't wait for God to "come around" to your way of thinking.
 - c. You're not waiting for Him, He's waiting for you...or others. (John 5:17)
 1. Be careful thinking you're ready and everyone else needs to catch up
 2. Mankind has always been seeking his own way (Rom 3:9-12)

In the garden, when Eve sinned, Adam had the opportunity to stand in the gap. He didn't. We don't. Jesus did. (Rom 5:6-8)

Authority is effective when it understands Whom it is serving

B. Actions

1. Assessing what is present: Servants, stone pots, water, and Jesus.
2. Purification water is changed by Jesus into the symbol of His life poured out (Heb 10:19-25)

Authority is effective when it understands how God prepares the situation

C. Results

1. A wedding is saved embarrassment. Its important, but a short-term blessing

Miracles aren't just doing things; they are telling us things.

2. This is the beginning of Jesus manifesting Himself
 - a. Similar to rehearsing God (John 1:18)
 - b. The word has a tone of revealing or spotlighting.

Miracles are intended to put the spotlight on Jesus. Come and see what God has done (John 6:2)

3. Mary put her trust in what Jesus would do regardless of what it was (vs 5).
4. God's spotlighting Jesus results in deeper belief.

Authority is effective when it understands God's desired outcome

II. Cleansing the Temple (vs. 13-17)

A. Concerns READ vs 13-14

1. Devotion is turned into desperation
2. Sacrifice is turned into profit

Authority is effective when it understands purpose and intent

B. Actions

1. Jesus expels those who pervert the purpose
2. Jesus states the purpose of His actions

Authority is effective when it understands righteousness

C. Results

1. God's ways are restored...at least for a while.
2. The religious leaders and the disciples take notice

Authority is effective when it understands devotion to the point of action

III. The Authority of Death and Life (vs. 18-25)

A. Concerns

1. What gives Jesus the right to overturn tables?
2. Why is Jesus a better way?

Authority is effective when it understands it is accountable for its actions

B. Actions

1. Jesus tells them about a sign that is to come
2. They don't get it

Authority is effective when it understands Jesus always speaks truth

C. Results

1. Jesus' disciples remembered His words and believed
2. Jesus tells us that we are not enough on our own.
 - a. Our plans are self-centered
 - b. We don't realize that the best of intentions are not good enough reasons.

Authority is effective when it understands Jesus is our everything

Jesus didn't teach us and die for us so that we could simply have an easier life. He died and rose again so that we could have actual life. (John 20:30-31)