

## Life's Principle and Life's Purpose

### John 2

#### I. Life's principle—to change death into life

##### A. Christ coming in resurrection to the people in their enjoyment

**John 2:1-2** And the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus also was invited, as well as His disciples, to the wedding.

##### B. Their human life running out and their being filled with death

**John 2:3-7** And when the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, Woman, what do I have in this that concerns you? My hour has not yet come. <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do. <sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone waterpots lying there, according to the Jews' rite of purification, holding two or three measures each. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

##### C. Christ changing their death into life eternal

**John 2:8-11** And He said to them, Draw some out now and take it to the master of the feast. And they took it to him. <sup>9</sup> And when the master of the feast tasted the water which had become wine and did not know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew, the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> And said to him, Every man sets out the good wine first, and when they have drunk freely, then that which is worse; you have kept the good wine until now. <sup>11</sup> This beginning of signs Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed into Him.

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#### Life meeting the need of man's every case, and proving the principle of life

1. The need of the moral—life's regenerating (2:23-3:36)
2. The need of the immoral—life's satisfying (4:1-42)
3. The need of the dying—life's healing (4:43-54)
4. The need of the impotent—life's enlivening (5:1-47)
5. The need of the hungry—life's feeding (6:1-71)
6. The need of the thirsty—life's quenching (7:1-52)
7. The need of those under the bondage of sin—life's setting free (7:53-8:59)
8. The need of the blind in religion—life's sight and life's shepherding (9:1-10:42)
9. The need of the dead—life's resurrecting (11:1-57)

#### II. Life's purpose — to build the house of God

##### A. Christ cleansing the temple

**John 2:12-17** After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they remained there not many days. <sup>13</sup> And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And He found in the temple those selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And having made a whip out of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, as well as the sheep and the oxen, and He poured out the money of the moneychangers and

overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And to those who were selling the doves He said, Take these things away from here; do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise. <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house shall devour Me."

## **B. The body of Jesus, the temple, destroyed and raised up in resurrection**

**John 2:18-22** The Jews then answered and said to Him, What sign do You show us, seeing that You do these things? <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. <sup>20</sup> Then the Jews said, This temple was built in forty-six years, and You will raise it up in three days? <sup>21</sup> But He spoke of the temple of His body. <sup>22</sup> When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

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**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

**Colossians 2:9** For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

**1 Corinthians 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

**3:16** Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

**Ephesians 1:22-23** ...the Church which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

**2:21** In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

**22** In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

**1 Timothy 3:15** But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.