

3. Give the verse number in this Chapter (John 2) which says this was His first miracle. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Was this wine fermented, or natural juice? (Habakkuk 2:15) \_\_\_\_\_

EVIL EFFECTS OF WINE AND STRONG DRINK:

(1) Impairs the health.....1 Samuel 25:36,37

(2) Leads to violence .....Proverbs 4:17

(3) Enrages a man .....Proverbs 20:1

(4) Makes poor .....Proverbs 23:20,21

(5) Bites like a serpent .....Proverbs 23:31,32

(6) Provokes adultery and fornication.....  
Proverbs 23:30,33

(7) Impairs judgment .....Proverbs 31:4,5

(8) Inflames passions .....Isaiah 5:11

(9) Produces looseness .....Hosea 4:11

NINETH STUDY

JESUS IN MINISTRY PART ONE

THE WITNESS OF JOHN BAPTIST (John 1:15-34)

Jesus had returned from His victory over Satan in the wilderness, and was standing on the shores of the Jordan River where forty days before, He had been baptized by John. This gave John the opportunity to point Him out and introduce Him to the multitude.

1. As Jesus approached, how did John introduce Him? (John 1:29). \_\_\_\_\_

2. What reason did John give for baptizing with water? (John 1:31) \_\_\_\_\_

3. What two things did John announce that Jesus would do? (John 1:29,33)

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

THE FIRST DISCIPLES (John 1:35-51)

The very next day, Jesus came walking back to the place where John was baptizing and John declared as two of his disciples, were standing near, *Behold the Lamb of God!* (John 1:36). These two disciples followed Jesus (John 1:37). Jesus turned, and invited them to come to where He was staying and they stayed with Him for the night (John 1:39).

1. Who was one of the two which heard John speak and followed Jesus? (John 1:40)\_\_\_\_\_

2. Who do you think was the other? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did Andrew find first, and bring to Jesus?  
(John 1:41,42) \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Jesus say when He saw Simon?  
(John 1:42) \_\_\_\_\_

As the Man wrestled with Jacob in Genesis 32:24-28, and changed his name to Israel, here we find another Man changing Peter's name from Simon to Cephas which means "a stone." The following day, Jesus went to Galilee and found Phillip and said, "Follow Me."

5. Who did Philip find and invite to Jesus? (John 1:45) \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did Philip say about Jesus in John 1:45?  
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7. What now famous question did Nathaniel ask Philip? (John 1:46) \_\_\_\_\_

Now, we find Jesus in a discourse with Nathaniel (John 1:46-51). This is where Christ operated in one of the nine gifts of the Spirit, the word of knowledge, by declaring He had seen Nathaniel under the fig tree before Philip had called him (vs.47,48). Through this meeting, Nathaniel was convinced Jesus was the Son of God, the King of Israel (v.49). Jesus, then, *answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig*

*tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.*

He would see greater evidence of Jesus' purpose and the future of His plan. Jesus would open heaven itself and provide the way of a personal relationship with God; He would provide the intercourse between heaven and earth (John 1: 51).

As He said in John 14:6—*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh to the Father, but by Me.*

#### THE WEDDING OF CANA (John 2:1-12)

Jesus traveled to Cana with His five followers John, Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathaniel, approximately twenty five miles away from the place at the Jordan River where He had been baptized, and they attended a wedding. John 2:2—*And both Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage.*

1. Mary, the mother of Jesus also attended the wedding. She insisted Jesus do something there. What was it? (John 2:3,5) \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Jesus say in answer to her? (John 2:4) \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus was awaiting the leading of His Father (John 8:28). God always moves with the human need, and there is a great possibility His mother had something to do with the arrangements of the wedding. Jesus turned the water into wine (John 2:6-10). This was His first miracle. Jesus took the common elements of human life and made them enriched by His Word.