



## “It’s a PARTY!” (John 2:1-12)

Partying is rarely associated with the Bible and Christ-followers... but it should be! The Bible’s many references to singing, dancing, celebration, feasts, and festivities depict not only worship but also fun, laughter, and pleasure. The Kingdom of God is a Party – and everyone is invited (Luke 14:12-24)!

### What Does This Tell Us About Jesus? vv1-2

- Jesus was an enjoyable person to be around and so should His disciples be. Luke7:34, 15:1-2
- Jesus knew that times of pleasure (fun) are just as important as times of work. 1Tim6:17; Pro17:22
- Jesus is and always will be the happiest being in the Universe. John15:11, 17:13; Zeph3:17

### What Did He Come to Give Us? vv6-10; Ps104:15; Pro20:1

- Man’s effort to relate to God through rituals, rules and religion is empty, cold, and lifeless like the stone water pots. v6
- Jesus is the true and better Master of the Feast who transforms our empty lives into full, free flowing, and festive kind of lives. vv8-9; Isa25:6; Matt8:11; Rev19:6-10
- Just as the wine Jesus made was the best, so life with Him is better by far than life without Him. Ps89:15-16; Ps4:7; 1Pet1:8; Neh. 8:10; Ps16:11; Ps84:10

### How Can We Receive It? vv3-5

- Receive and believe in Jesus. John1:12; v14; John7:30, 8:20, 12:23, 13:1

- Remember what matters to you matters to Jesus. 2Cor1:3; 1Pet5:7; Heb4:15-16
- Release your problems to Jesus and expect Him to do what’s best. V3; Ps55:22; Phil4:6-8
- Respond to whatever Jesus tells you to do. v5; John15:9-11
- Rejoice in the Lord always! Phil4:4

### Growing Notes

- 1) How would you respond to someone who says, “I want to go out and have some fun before I settle down and commit my life to Christ”? Read the intro to this sermon. What are your thoughts and feelings? Do you see the Kingdom of God or Christian life like that? Why or why not?
- 2) Read John 2:1-12. Why would Jesus on His first journey take His disciples to a party? What kind of a person do you think Jesus was to be around (Luke7:34, 15:1-2)? How important are times of pleasure in our lives (1Tim6:17; Pro17:22)? Who is the happiest being in the Universe (John15:11, 17:13; Zeph3:17)?
- 3) What do the six stone water jars for ceremonial cleaning reveal to us about man’s effort to relate to God (v6)? How is Jesus the true and better Master of the Feast who transforms our empty lives into full, free flowing, and festive kind of lives (Vv8-9; John10:10b)? How is life with Jesus better by far than life without Him (Ps89:15-16; Ps4:7; 1Pet1:8; Neh. 8:10; Ps16:11; Ps84:10)?
- 4) Review the five points under how we can receive this fullness of life in Christ. The very 1<sup>st</sup> step is to receive and believe in Jesus (John1:12). Explain. Which one(s) of the next four points are strengths and which one(s) are growth areas in your life? What is God speaking to you from this study? Pray.

