



STUDY 3: John 2:1-25 The old and the new

*What are some different ways people try to get to God?
Do you find any of them compelling? (eg other religions) Why/why not?*

CONTEXT – Where does it fit?

1. The verses at the end of chapter 1 gave us the promise of “greater things” (1:50-51). What do you think that means?

One of the greater things John now shows is what it means to say that Jesus is the Christ – He is the house of God

OBSERVATION – How is it communicated?

2. Read John 2:1-25. How would you break this up into 2 sections and how would you summarize each?
3. Are there any key words or phrases that stand out?

MEANING – What does it mean?

4. Re-read John 2:1-11. What impact does this first sign have on the disciples?
5. What do you think is the significance of the jars that held the water/wine being used for ceremonial washing (v.6)? What does this tell us about Jesus?
6. Re-read John 2:12-25. What was the purpose of the temple in Israel's history?
7. Verse 14 tells us that Jesus found men selling cattle, sheep and doves and others sitting at tables exchanging money. This was normal for people wanting to offer sacrifices. What does Jesus' actions show us about this old way of approaching God?
8. What does Jesus say is the new way of approaching God? What do verses 19-22 mean?

APPLICATION – How does it change us?

9. How would you explain the Christian faith to someone who has never heard of it? How is it completely different to every other religion?
10. Verse 24 tells us Jesus wouldn't entrust himself to the people around him because he knew what was in a person. How does this make you feel about people? How does this encourage us to share the gospel more?