THE SON OF MAN

 **DATE: 7/8/18 am**

**TEXT: John 2:1-11**

**INTRODUCTION**

We are continuing to look at the different Portraits of Christ in John's Gospel

A Portrait can be a painting, picture, drawing, sketch, likeness, image, or study of a specific person

We are looking at several different portrayals given to us by the Apostle John

John has some very unique ways of describing the Life of Christ

Last time we looked at Jesus as **The Word of God** in **John 1**

This morning I'd like to look at how John Describes Jesus as **The Son of Man** in **John 2** (Although that phrase is not here)

The phrase ***"son of man"*** is found 197 times in the Bible

88 times in the New Testament / 109 in the OT

God called the prophet Ezekiel ***“son of man”*** 93 times

God was simply calling Ezekiel a human being

A son of a man … is a man

But Jesus was not a son of a man, but the Son of God

According to **John 1:1** Jesus was Fully God

**John 1:1 – *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"***

But He was also a human being

**John 1:14 –** ***"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth"***

**I John 4:2** tells us – ***"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:"***

Yes, Jesus was the Son of God / He was in every aspect God

But yet, was in every aspect a Man

Jesus was both, perfectly God and Man

Q: So why does Jesus call Himself the ***"son of man"***?

A: So that He may identified Himself in the Word of God

You see in the Book of Daniel we have this Prophecy of the Messiah

**Daniel 7:13, 14 – *"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him" "And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed"***

The description ***“Son of Man”*** was a Messianic title

Jesus is the One who was given dominion and glory and a kingdom

When Jesus used this phrase, He was assigning ***the Son of Man*** prophecy to Himself

(This wouldn't be the first time He did this either, we see Him do it in **Luke 4:16-21 w/ Isaiah 61:1**)

The Jews of that era would have been intimately familiar with the phrase and to whom it referred

Jesus was proclaiming Himself as the Messiah

Jesus is the perfect fulfillment of all that is written in the Bible

This morning we will be looking at Jesus as He identifies in His Humanity with His Creation as …

**"THE SON OF MAN"**

**~~~Prayer~~~**

**I. JESUS' "PARTICIPATION" – vs. 1, 2 …**

We see from these verses that Jesus was concerned with the aspects of everyday life

**v. 1 - *"there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee;"***

First, let's look at …

**A. The 'Circumstances'** (surrounding the wedding)

A wedding is always a huge social event

Especially in those days

The celebration could last as long as a week

We find here the Lord attending this Wedding in Cana

We are not told who's getting married, but it is probably some close relative to Jesus

It may be a brother, a sister, a cousin, whoever

We know this because Mary is involved in the festivities

If this scene teaches us anything,

It tells us that Jesus chose to participate in the common, routine, and everyday events of life

Jesus isn't just for Sunday!

He Desires, and Deserves, to be included in our everyday life!

You see, He is either Lord of all, or He isn't Lord at all

**Acts 10:36 – *"… Jesus Christ: (… is Lord of all:)"***

**B. The 'Call'**

**v. 2 – *"And both Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage"***

Jesus is at this wedding by invitation!

Again, most likely this was within His earthly family

 Someone possessed the thoughtfulness to call Jesus to this event

Sometimes by default we unintentionally Exclude the Lord

We fail to include the Lord due to any amount of reasons

As believers we should never be guilty of excluding Jesus from all the areas of our life

By virtue of His sacrifice, He deserves inclusion in every aspect of them

**I Corinthians 6:19,20 – *"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's"***

If we are truly His, then He should have access rights to everything!

Most people pick and choose what they will open up to

You need to stop holding back and give God access to everything!

In too many lives, Jesus is left standing outside looking in

**Revelation 3:20 – *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and He with me"***

The Lord is talking about Fellowship here

 There are times when Jesus stands ready With the Solution to our Problems

But instead of butting in, He waits patiently for your invitation!

Why not make that happen today?

**The 'Call'**

**C. The 'Consideration'**

I want you to notice that when He was Called upon, He Came!

(We know this from the context)

In every event of life, the child of God need never fear Jesus not coming to their aid!

He Cares, and when we Call, He will answer and move in to meet our need

**Matthew 7:7,8 – *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" "For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened"***

Notice the premise

**Jeremiah 33:3 – *"Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not"***

**James 4:2** - we ***"…have not because we ask not"***

 Like the old Hymn says …

 ***“Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh what needless pain we bear, When we do not carry, everything to God in prayer”***

It may not be the way you've done it in the past

But you need to begin to learn to turn to Jesus now

(before! you begin to worry)

**Philippians 4:6,7 – *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"***

**JESUS' "PARTICIPATES" IN THE EVENTS OF OUR LIFE**

 **II. JESUS' "POWER" – vs. 3-9 …**

Some 40 times in the Gospels we find Jesus referencing …

His Power in the Events of someone's Life

When we speak of Jesus' Power …

We are talking about His *absolute ability to achieve any given task*

There is nothing out of the reach of the Lord

Let's look at how The Son of Man meets our needs

First, we see Him being tasked with a …

**A. 'Problem' – v. 3**

For some unforeseen reason they ran out of wine

***"And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto Him, They have no wine"***

This doesn't sound like much of a problem to us, but to the Jews, it could be ruinous!

**1.** It was a matter of Honor

The bridegroom was responsible for providing adequate supplies

If something ran out before the party was concluded,

It simply meant that he hadn't planned well in not providing for all of his guests

**2.** It was a matter of Embarrassment

To run out of wine would cause public embarrassment for the groom and his family

Therefore, this was a problem of considerable size to these people

Life doesn't always go as we would plan it!

There are times when problems arise and troubles come our way (Hopefully we aren't the cause)

Matter-of-fact this is a common thing

**Job 14:1 –** ***"Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble"***

**John 16:33 – *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"***

**Eccl. 2:23 - “*For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night …"***

It's good to know that when our problems do come

That we can take them to Jesus

Those all around us may see them as nothing,

But Jesus understands what we are going through

**Hebrews 4:15 – *"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin"***

Then we see His …

**B. 'Procedure' – vs. 4, 5**

In this time of trouble, Mary shows us just what we need to do when troubles arise in our lives

She gives us 2 steps that we should always take in the troublesome times of life

**1.** Go to Jesus **– v. 4**

When the problem arose, Mary took it to the Lord

This is exactly what we need to do

 -- Christ's response to Mary in **v. 4** may seem

 somewhat cold

The term ***"woman”*** was a polite and common form of address though

Jesus is simply letting Mary know that His Ministry has not yet started

But yet, out of respect and regard for Mary He proceeds with her request

In **Luke 2:51**, the Bible tells us that Jesus was ***"subject unto them”*** (referring to Mary and Joseph)

And Jesus always did the will of His Heavenly Father

**Exodus 20:12 – *"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee"***

The fact remains that when confronted with a problem, Mary went to Jesus

What a good example for us to follow!

**2.** Follow His Commands – **v. 5**

***"His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it"***

This is the only command ever issued by Mary in all the Bible

For those who feel that Mary is to be reverenced, adored, worshiped and obeyed, this is excellent advice!

Just do what Jesus says!

The lesson is very clear!

When problems arise, and trouble tosses our life,

The best thing we can do is simply do what Jesus says to do

So, what does He say to do? (I can think of a few)

-- Come to Him

**Matthew 11:28 - *"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"***

-- Cast your Cares upon Him

**I Peter 5:7 – *"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you"***

-- Trust Him

**Romans 8:28 – *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose"***

And most importantly …

-- Trust Him for your Soul's Salvation

**Acts 16:31 – *"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house"***

Then, ultimately, we see His …

**C. 'Performance' – vs. 6-10 …**

Jesus Takes the commonplace and Makes it extraordinary!

He can change any situation (if He is given the opportunity to do so)

When Jesus changed the water into wine …

**1.** It was Unconventional

Water into Wine? (I know … they're both liquids)

But that's about as close as you get

I'm picturing all these servants listening in on Jesus and Mary's conversation

I'm wondering what the servants thought when He tells them to fill those pots with Water

(Some believe that these pots held about 7 gal. apiece)

We must remember that God's ways are not the same as ours

**Isaiah 55:8,9 – *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD" "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, …***

***… so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts"***

**2.** It was Unbelievable - **v. 9** …

The governor didn't know it, but the servants did!

When they carried the water and felt its weight, thinking that this isn't going to turn out

But in the mean-time God moves in and changes it from some ordinary, common thing into something that proves to be a blessing in their life, you never get over it

Nobody in the world, may understand what you are going through

But Jesus does!

And, when He moves in your time of need and turns your darkness to day, when He lifts your burden and shoulders your load, you know it, and you will never forget it!

To everyone else it was just wine, but to those who knew the truth, it was a Miracle!

It was Unbelievable

**3.** It was Uncommon – **v. 10 …**

The governor of the feast was surprised at the quality of this new wine

It was an uncommon thing to save the best for last

Just because something as always been done a certain way for years

Doesn't mean that God can't do something a different way

We can't squeeze God into our little boxes, He simply won't fit!

(Illustrate Bro. O'Dell's situation w/ Wednesdays)

**JESUS' "PARTICIPATES" IN THE EVENTS OF LIFE**

**JESUS' "POWER" TO CHANGE THE EVENTS OF LIFE**

**III. JESUS' "PROVISION" – v. 11 …**

His Provision caused a whole lot of people to believe

Jesus Provided actually what that situation needed

An it was even better than what they would have thought

**Ephesians 3:20 *– "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"***

Jesus made Provision for their …

**A. 'Flesh'**

(What I mean is…) He met their Physical Need

The Miracle of Him changing the Water into Wine met their need for that specific circumstance

He will do the same for us

**Philippians 4:19 – *"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus"***

The key word in **Phil 4:19** is ***"all"***

The word ***"all"*** is not hard to define

It's used to refer to *the whole quantity or extent of a particular group or thing*, *everything*

He has done it for all who will believe He can

He's been doing it for centuries

(The widow of Zeraphath and Elijah at the Book)

Also, Jesus made Provision for their …

**B. 'Faith'**

The Bible tells us that ***“His Disciples believed on Him”***

Can I say, that there were a whole lot more than just His Disciples who began to believe that day

Your faith in Jesus is never misplaced!

If you display, ***“mustard seed”*** faith in your time of need

Jesus will enter into that need and will move your mountain

He will never fail His children!

Then, Jesus made Provision for their …

**C. 'Future'**

Again, notice that **v. 11** says He ***"manifested His glory”***

When you see Jesus come through in your hour of crisis, it will do something for you!

It will strengthen your faith and give you hope for tomorrow

All I am saying is this …

When you see Jesus come through for you today,

You then can have hope for tomorrow's trials as well

Jesus Christ, the same Yesterday, Today and Forever!

**CONCLUSION**

What I want you to take home with you from this message is this …

Jesus is tied to the events of your life

He is not just some remote supernatural being who is totally removed from our need

He cares about the smallest details of your life, and waits for you to call Him into your times of need so that He can minister to you

What is your need today? Salvation? Are you backslidden?

Some burden? A bad situation? Something out of Control?

Jesus is Both the Son of God and The Son of Man