

John 2
Grace & Truth in Action
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"The two stories of chapter 2 - Changing Water into Wine (2:1-12) and Cleansing the Temple (2:13-22) – teach, respectively, Jesus' grace and Jesus' truth, the twin gifts highlighted in the Gospel's prologue." Dale Bruner

Story #1 – GRACE

- The dictionary definition of Grace: unmerited favor
- On the third day
- Jesus and his disciples were invited to a wedding
- They have no more wine
- Woman, why do you involve me?
- Do whatever He tells you.
- Six stone water jars for ceremonial washing
- But you have saved the best till now.
- The first of the signs

Isaiah 62:4-5 (see also Isaiah 54:4-8)

But you will be called Hephzibah,⁵ (my delight is in her)

*and your land Beulah⁶; (married)
for the LORD will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.*

⁵As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;

*as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.*

Revelation 19: 6-9

⁶Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

*⁷Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!*

*For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.*

*⁸Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.”*

*(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s
holy people.)*

*⁹Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed
are those who are invited to the wedding supper
of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true
words of God.”*

*Matthew 22 - The kingdom of heaven is like a
king who prepared a wedding banquet for his
son*

- The Deeper definition of grace:

Story #2 – TRUTH

- Dictionary definition of True: bring something into the exact shape, alignment, or position required.
- What’s the problem?
- What right to do you have to do this? Show us a sign?
- Destroy this Temple and I will raise it again in three days
- The Deeper definition of Truth:

Grace and Truth come from the same source

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Matthew 25 - *“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom Luke 12 - ³⁵“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.*

Amos 9:13 *“The time is surely coming, says the Lord, when the one who plows shall overtake the one who reaps, and the treader of grapes the one who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.” (see also Isaiah 25:6; Jeremiah 31:12; Hosea 14:7)*