



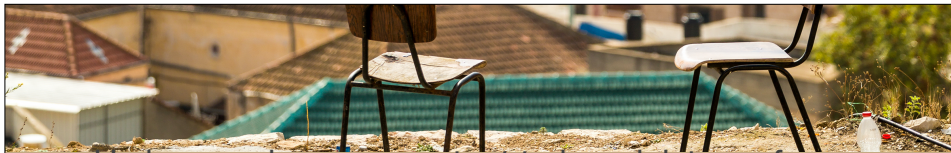
Where Moses' sign bears witness to **death** and **judgment**, Jesus' sign bear witness to **joy** and **blessing**.

And where Moses is characterized by the **Law**, Jesus is characterized by **grace**.



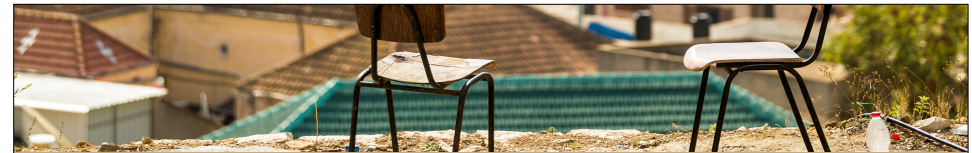
For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.
John 1:17

For in Jesus Christ, the law of the Spirit of life set you free from the law of sin and death.
Romans 8:12



¶He has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ¶Now if the ministry that brought death, chiseled in letters on stones, came with glory, so that the Israelites were not able to gaze steadily at Moses' face because of its glory, which was set aside, ¶How will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? ¶For if the ministry that brought condemnation had glory, the ministry that brings righteousness overflows with even more glory.

2 Corinthians 3:6-9 (CSB)



By turning the outer courts of the temple into a circus consumerism and commotion, the church had **rejected** who God intended to **welcome**.

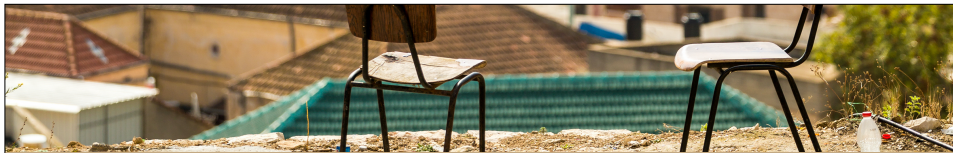


When Jesus cleansed the temple, not only did He defend the nation's access to worship, He also redefined it for all of us.



Worship has nothing to do with the where and everything to do with the Who.

Jesus is the temple, the place where heaven and earth meet, the place where we can be in God's presence.



¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation. ¹²and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:11-12



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, a rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well-refined." Isaiah 25:6

What are the adjectives used to describe the feast, the meat, and the wine?



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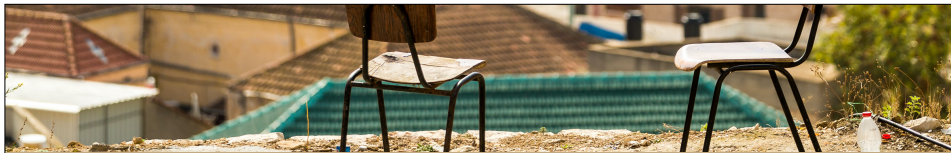
1. “Everyone sets out the fine wine first, then, after people are drunk, the inferior. But you have kept the fine wine until now.” John 2:10

What do both of these verses reveal to us about Jesus and God’s kingdom?



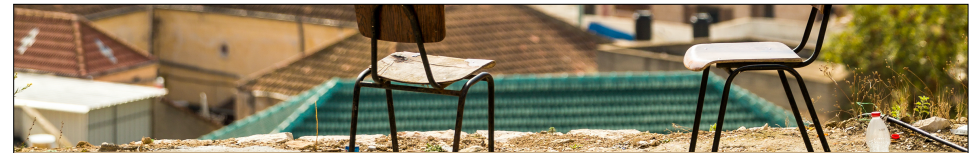
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2. Consider your answers for the first question. What specific characteristics and specific ways can our lives reveal the richness and generosity of Jesus and God’s kingdom?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

3. We learned last week that John ordered his Gospel by *theme*. In Chapter 2, John records Jesus’ miracle at Cana then he recounts Jesus cleansing the temple. What do you think John was trying to communicate by ordering these two events consecutively?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

4. Revist John 1:14 then use a concordance to look up the Greek word for *dwelt* (G4637).

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as the only Son from the Father full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



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Tools

Jhn 1:14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son^{fn} from the Father, full of grace and truth.

dwelt

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ἔσκηνωσεν
σκηνώω
skēnoō

- + Show Strong's Info
- + Show Outline of Biblical Usage
- + Show Thayer's Greek Lexicon


I. to fix one's tabernacle, have one's tabernacle, abide (or live) in a tabernacle (or tent), tabernacle

II. to dwell



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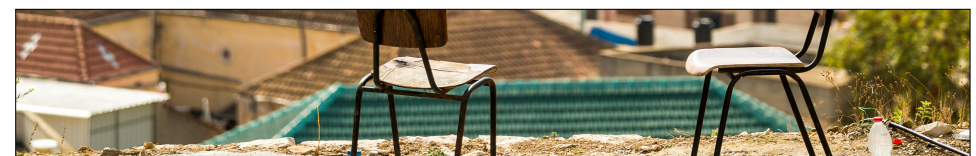
4. How does the definition point to Jesus' claims about Himself in the temple?



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¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

5. As part of God's holy temple whose foundation is Jesus, what is the believer's responsibility to other believers?

What is the church's responsibility to the outside world?