

STUDY GUIDE

Monday, June 8 – Read John 2:1-11; John 1:14; Mark 7:3-4 Jesus and His mother, together with the disciples, were invited to a wedding in Cana. During the wedding feast, the wine supply ran out. Nearby were six large stone jars. Jesus told the servants to fill the jars with water. When the jars had been filled right to the top, Jesus told the servants to scoop some out and take it to the master of the banquet. When the master tasted the water that had been turned into wine, he was surprised that they hadn't served this wine first, because it was the best wine he had ever tasted. This was the first miracle Jesus did and the first time He showed His glory to people. This made His disciples believe in Him even more. Jesus' first miracle was to help someone out of a tight spot—to save the bridegroom from being very embarrassed. Like the water in the jars, Jesus wants to turn the ordinary things in your life into something special and meaningful. Trust Him and obey Him. The servants did what they were told without question. Can you obey Jesus without question too? FYI: Water jars often stood at the entrance of a house so that people could wash their hands before eating (Mark 7:3-4)

Tuesday, June 9 – Read Luke 5:12-16; Matthew 8:2-4; Romans 5:8; Leviticus 13:45-46 In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with a terrible skin disease called leprosy. When the man saw Jesus he begged to be healed. "Lord, if You are willing, You can heal me and make me clean." Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said. "Be clean!" Straight away the leprosy left the man and his skin was clean and smooth. Leprosy was a very bad skin disease that could spread to anyone touching the person. Everyone knew that by touching those sores on the skin one could get leprosy too, and die. It is likely that no one had touched this man for a long time. Maybe the man longed for someone to care enough to touch him. Jesus did. In a way, our hearts have a terrible disease too – a disease called sin. Jesus, who is sinless and pure, came to earth to walk alongside us sinners to show how much He loves us. He was willing to take all our terrible sin and put it on Himself. He died so that we could be healed and live. Prayer: Jesus, please forgive my sins and make my heart clean. Amen. FYI: In Bible times, anyone who had leprosy would not be allowed to go near other people and would have to shout out, "Unclean!" (Lev. 13:45-46).

Wednesday, June 10 – Read Luke 7:11-17; Ephesians 2:6; 1 Kings 17:17-24 Soon after this, Jesus went to the town of Nain. The disciples and a large crowd went along with Him. As they neared the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out. He was the only son of a widow. When Jesus saw her, His heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry," He said. Then Jesus walked up to the coffin and touched it. Those who were carrying it stood still. Then He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk. And Jesus gave him back to his mother. Everyone was amazed and praised God, saying, "God has come to help His people." The news about Jesus spread to the surrounding countryside. This young man was the first person that Jesus raised from the dead. Jesus didn't do this to become popular among the people or to show off His power. He felt a deep sadness and love for the widow. Jesus cares for us in the same way. When we are sad, He feels it; when we are hurt, He knows and understands. FYI: The first person mentioned in the Bible that was raised from the dead was also the son of a widow (1 Kings 17:17-24).

Thursday, June 11 – Read Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25; Psalms 89:9 Jesus and the disciples left the crowd and headed across the lake in a small boat. Suddenly a fierce storm struck and the boat was in danger of sinking. Meanwhile, Jesus was sleeping. The disciples woke Him up saying, "Lord! Save us, we're going to die!" Jesus said to them, "Why are you so afraid? You have so little faith." Then He got up and gave an order to stop the howling wind and raging sea, and it all became perfectly calm. The disciples were amazed and asked, "What kind of a man is this that even the wind and the waves obey Him?" Jesus showed His complete power over nature, and why shouldn't the One who created everything have the power to control it? Jesus created you too, and when it feels like there's a storm inside of you with waves of anger, fear or worry, all you need to do is call on the One who is always with you and brings peace.

Friday, June 12 – Read John 6:8-15; Matthew 14:17-21; Luke 6:38; Numbers 1:45-46 Andrew, one of the disciples, said to Jesus, "Here is a young boy with five small loaves of bread and two fish. But what good is that for this huge crowd?" "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. Then He took the loaves and fish, and gave thanks to God. He broke up the loaves and passed the bread to the disciples who handed it to the people. He carried on doing this with the bread and the fish until everyone had eaten as much as they wanted. The boy gave all his food to Jesus not expecting to get any of it back. He gave all he had, not knowing that he'd bless over five thousand people. Even though Jesus was the One who supplied the food, He

gave thanks to His Father for it. Jesus showed that it is right and good to thank the Lord for every meal He provides (even when someone else buys and prepares the food we eat). FYI: The Lord fed more than 603,550 people in the desert for forty years (Num. 1:45-46). So a meal for 5,000 wasn't a problem for Him!

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