

Bible Study: The Beauty of Christianity (John 2:1–11)

For starters

- Can you think of something you have done which has made Christianity look ugly? Can you think of something you have done which has made Christianity look beautiful?

Read: John 2:1–11

1. What strikes you most about Jesus' first miracle?
2. What first impression of Jesus do you think John wants readers to have?
3. What does Jesus' actions reveal about his character and priorities?
4. How has your picture of Jesus been shaped over the years? Does this story challenge or deepen it?
5. When you fail or fall short, do you expect Jesus to respond with disappointment or generosity? Why?
6. Why do you think Jesus provides such extravagant abundance? How does this connect with Jesus' later promise to bring "life to the full" (John 10:10)?
7. Where are you tempted to think God is reluctant, stingy, or merely functional toward you?
8. How might believing in his generosity change the way you live this week? How could this episode help you to respond to Jesus in delight rather than mere duty?
9. How can we reflect the beauty of Jesus?
 - The church has not always reflected Jesus well, but when his people resemble him, the result is deeply attractive (Tit 2:10, Mt 5:16, 1Pt 2:12)
 - Think of someone whose life reflects Jesus well. What stands out?

- What is one practical way you could display Jesus' extravagant generosity, grace, or joyful love to someone in the next few weeks?

John's Gospel begins not with a lecture but with a celebration. Jesus' first sign reveals a Saviour who delights in replacing shame with honour, scarcity with abundance, and ritual with joyful relationship. The beauty of Christianity is ultimately not found in its rules but in its King. As we follow Jesus, we discover that the truly beautiful life is found through him, with him, and increasingly becomes visible in us as we joyfully imitate him.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

Pray together about these things, and for those inviting friends to our next guest service on 'The Sense of Christianity'.