

Sermon Worksheet, 4/26/09



For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.

(1 Tim 2:5-6)

Passage: John 2:1-25

Theme: Jesus the Only Mediator, No. 9

Observations:

- 1) Pay attention to the result of the first sign in v. 11: “**and his disciples put their faith (or believed) in him.**” Keep in mind, however, how Andrew, Philip and Nathanael had previously confessed about Jesus in 1:41, 45, and 49). Then, in what sense, do you think they “**put their faith** (the verb is translated as “**believed**” elsewhere) **in him**”?
- 2) Now, the same verb “to believe” occurs two more times in the rest of the passage. For each case, explain who believed what in what sense.
- 3) Explain how the first miracle story of changing water to wine corresponds to the last miracle story of catching fish by giving some evidence. If this is right, to which part of the gospel must the incidence of cleansing the temple (vv. 13-22) correspond? Can you give some evidence for that?

Personal Applications:

- 1) To believe in Jesus Christ is not really simple as black and white. The disciples believed once, but believed again in a different way. The people believed, but Jesus did not “**entrust himself to them.**” So, what do we need to do in order to believe in the way God wants us to believe?
- 2) Pay attention to the role that Jesus’ mother played in the first sign. Explain the kind of faith she had, and the kind of role she played in this miracle, and how she was recognized (or not recognized) by the people.
- 3) Jesus is the Temple. Share with others what this truth means to you. What do you do with this Temple, and what does the Temple do for you?

Prayers, and etc.

- 1) Thank God that you have come to know Jesus, and pray that you will come to know him more and believe in him in a better way.
- 2) Pray that you will come to play the same role that Jesus’ mother played for your family, coworkers, friends, etc.
- 3) Continue to pray for “**everyone**” and “**all the saints**”—especially, for our recent newcomers that they come to know Jesus more.