

This weeks **MEMORY VERSE!**

To learn it well, **READ** it, or **WRITE** it **EACH DAY** after your lesson! Then say it to someone you know!

Revelation 17:14b

For He (*Jesus*) is Lord of lords
and King of kings, and those with Him
are called and chosen and faithful.”

Who is Lord of lords and King of kings? _____

What are those that are with Him called? _____

*Italic added



1. Jesus was invited to a W _____ in Cana.
2. It wasn't long before all the W _____ was gone.
3. Mary told the S _____ to do what Jesus said.
4. When the water was served, it had turned to _____.

Name _____ Jesus Begins His Public Ministry

John 2:1-23



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After the Jewish people grew to be a large and strong nation, they had kings to rule over them. To show that a man was chosen to be their king, the prophet or priest anointed him with oil.

At the time Jesus was born, many Jews were praying and longing for the coming of their Messiah, God's anointed one, who would be their King. They hoped that He would come and deliver them from the Roman government that was ruling over them.

When Jesus was about 30 years old, He began the work His Father sent Him to do on earth. Jesus came to be our Savior—He was our Lamb who died on the cross for us. He also came to show us what God is like. He did this in what He said and did.

Soon after Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, He chose twelve men to leave their work and follow Him as He traveled and taught others about God.

One day there was a wedding in Cana. Mary, Jesus and His disciples were invited guests. There were many guests at this wedding and they ran out of wine before the feast was over.

Mary went to Jesus and said, "They are out of wine!" Without waiting, she turned to the servants and said, "Do whatever He tells you to do."

There were six large water pots sitting on the floor. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the pots with water." They obeyed Him and filled the pots as full as possible.

Jesus then told them to pour some out and take it to the master of the wedding feast. The servants took some and gave it to the master.

The master tasted the it but it was not water. It had been turned into wine. He said to the bridegroom, "You have saved the very best wine till last! This is better than what we served earlier!"

Jesus turned the water into wine! This was a miracle—something only God could do! When the disciples saw His wonderful power at work that day, they believed in Him.

Soon after this, Jesus and His disciples went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The temple was crowded with Jews who had traveled long distances from all over the Roman Empire. Since they could not bring animals for sacrifice with them, they had to buy them in the city.

Some people thought they could make some money by selling the sheep, oxen, and doves used for sacrifice or could exchange their money for the kind of money used in Jerusalem. The Jewish leaders knew about this and let them do it.

No doubt Jesus had seen them doing this many times, since He had been coming to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover for many years. But this time when Jesus came into the temple area, He made a whip out of cords and began to swing it. He chased out all the animals and everyone who was selling them. He poured out all the money and turned the tables upside down.

He said to the men, "Take these things out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

The Jews became very angry with this.

Jesus said to them, "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days."

The Jews thought Jesus was speaking of the building they were in and they said, "Why, it took 46 years to build this temple. Who do You think You are that You can build it in three days?" Jesus was not speaking of the temple building. He was speaking of His body and thinking about the time when the Jews would put Him to death and He would rise again in three days. The Jews did not understand what He meant.

Even though Jesus showed the people His authority from God and His right to act as King, they did not recognize Him as their King, the one who had the right to tell them what to do. Later on when they saw Him perform some miracles, some of them did believe in Him.