

LOYOLA'S METHOD OF BIBLE STUDY

This method of Bible study works best for passages that involve people or actions (the Gospels, the historical books of the Old Testament, etc.)

I. Let's apply this Bible study method to John 2:1-11 where Jesus changes water into wine. We begin by asking the who, what, when, where, why questions.

-Who is involved in this passage? Jesus, Jesus' mother, the disciples, the bridegroom, the servants, the master of the banquet.

-What is happening? The wedding banquet is going on and they run out of wine.

-When? On the third day after John the Baptist declares that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

-Where? In a home in Cana of Galilee.

-Why did this happen? Jesus and his disciples are invited to a wedding and Jesus' mother notices that there is no more wine. This would be a huge embarrassment to the bridegroom, so Jesus' mother asks Jesus to do something about it. This miracle shows Jesus' power to create.

-How did this happen? Jesus' mother tells Jesus that they have run out of wine and Jesus tells the servants to fill six stone water jars with water and then serve it to the master of the banquet and the guests.

II. Who are the characters and what are they sensing?

-Jesus' mother: She must have had some responsibility at the wedding because she knew the wine ran out and told the servants to do what Jesus told them.

Mary must have been anxious or worried and tried to figure out how to solve the problem of there being no more wine.

-The bridegroom: He is not aware of the potentially embarrassing situation and is probably a little puzzled as the master of the banquet compliments him on saving the best wine until last.

-The master of the banquet: He was astonished at the taste of the wine.

III. Application

-Jesus went to a wedding. He wants to be involved in the everyday activities of my life.

-Jesus can create something out of nothing. I need to bring all my problems to Him.

-Consequently, there is no need to worry when a problem arises. Jesus is in control. I just need to invite Him into the situation.