

Bible chat notes w/s 16 1 22

Read John 2: 1 - 12

1. First of all, imagine the real event that gave rise to this symbolic story.
2. Read the passage aloud a second time and try to enter the scene in your imagination.
3. What can you see, hear, smell, taste or feel?
4. From whose viewpoint are you in the story?
5. Describe how you imagine Jesus.
6. How do you respond to Jesus?

Now consider the **symbolism** of the story. What do the following items signify?

1. The third day
2. Six stone water jars
3. The water-turned-into-wine
4. The whole story

Jesus spells plenty

That was the title of David's message. He argued that Christ, rather than devising a new religion, came to unite everyone in a simple trust in the grace of God.

1. What do you understand by the word 'grace'?
2. Do you know people of other religions who you might call 'spiritual'?
3. Discuss the implications of David's idea. To what extent do you agree with it?
4. What difference might it make to your life, or to church life?