A SURPRISING WAY TO START WDID: What DID Jesus Do? - Part 1

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WHAT DID JESUS SAY AND DO?

1. Jesus <u>attended parties</u> where much alcohol was consumed.

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. When the wine ran out....

- John 2:2-3a CEB

Then Levi threw a great banquet for Jesus in his home.... The Pharisees...grumbled against his disciples. They said, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" – Luke 5:29-30 CEB

- 2. Jesus demonstrated that <u>timing</u> was important to Him. *Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."* John 2:4b NLT
- 3. Jesus was attentive to what others were <u>feeling</u> and <u>needing</u>. ...Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." ...Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." John 2:3, 7 NLT
- 4. Jesus' response supplied a great abundance of what was needed. There were <u>six large stone waterpots</u> there that were used by the Jews in their washing ceremonies. <u>Each one held about 20 or 30 gallons</u>. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them to the top. John 2:6-7 ERV

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM JESUS' WORDS AND ACTIONS?

1. We cannot lead <u>insulated lives</u> and reach a lost world. "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and people say, 'Look at him! He eats too much and drinks too much wine. <u>He's a friend of tax collectors and other sinners</u>." – Matthew 11:19 ERV

Jesus answered, "<u>Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do</u>. I didn't come to call righteous people but sinners to change their hearts and lives." – Luke 5:31-32 CEB

2. If Jesus brought "back-up" to the party, so should we. *Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration.* – John 2:1-2 NLT

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them ahead <u>in pairs</u> to every city and place he was about to go. – Luke 10:1 CEB

3. (<u>Timing</u>) matters! Life will provide us with lots of opportunities for which the best response is, "<u>Not yet</u>."

<u>For everything there is a season</u>, a time for every activity under heaven. – Eccl. 3:1 NLT

4. Our actions should be driven by the <u>call</u> of God and the <u>needs</u> of others.

"Then the king will reply to them, I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." - Matt. 25:40 CEB

5. If it matters to us, it matters to God.

Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me?" - John 2:4a CEB

Don't worry about anything; instead, <u>pray about everything</u>. Tell God what you need.... - Philippians 4:6 NLT

6. Jesus loves to show up and supply a <u>super-abundance</u> of what we need.

Nearby were six stone water jars,...each able to hold about twenty to thirty gallons.... The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine.... "You kept the good wine until now." – John 2:6, 9-10 CEB

<u>My God will richly fill your every need</u> in a glorious way through Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:19 GW