

Cleansing of the Temple

Jesus Christ became myavior and lord when I was a young man. I will never forget sitting in church and hearing the preacher say, "Everyone thinks that you are a Christian, but you know that you are not one." That stunned me into realizing that I was not really a Christian. One does not become a Christian by being born into a believing family, living in a Christian country, or by attending a church. I was attending church, living in a home with parents who were Christians, and living in a country where most people attended a Christian place of worship, but I knew I was not a Christian. Being a Christian is not about how you live. Some years ago a young woman said that she was Christian. She used the word "Christian" as an adjective. She was describing how she behaved. There are many good people who live better lives than some Christians, but still are not Christians. What is a Christian? This study will answer part of that question.

T T C. After the wedding at Cana, Jesus travelled down to Capernaum with His mother, and His brothers, and His disciples.

After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days.
(NASB) John 2:12

Capernaum was located on the northwest coastline of the Sea of Galilee. Today, the city is in ruins and is being excavated by the Roman Catholic order of the Franciscans. The excavations started in A.D. 1905 and continue to this day. But in Jesus' day it was a busy sea port town and was the home town of Jesus. Today the ruins of an old synagogue have been dug out of the grave of time. Is it possible that these ruins are the remains of the synagogue built by a



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