Jesus: Eating And Drinking

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INTRODUCTION

- Some will go to great lengths to justify what they want to believe and what they want to practice.
- A young man calls in and uses these as justification for a believer buying and drinking wine in our time.

1 Whatever Jesus Did, He Did No Sin

1 Peter 2:21–22; John 2

- Whatever Jesus did, what we know is he did no sin. He left us an example that we should follow in his steps.
- Not only did he not practice sin, whatever was involved in this eating and drinking, but he did not encourage the practice of sin in others and was not a stumbling block to others.
- He did not produce a highly charged, a potently alcoholic beverage, when he turned the water to wine in John chapter 2. Because that would have quickly caused drunkenness, at least in some.

2 What Was He Teaching? They Could Not Be Pleased

Luke 7:31–35

- The point is simply, they could not be pleased, no matter how God's prophets came to them.
- John, on one hand, is way too unsocial, and Jesus is way too social. That's the nature of the contrast being drawn here.
- John didn't have a demon. Jesus was not a drunkard or a glutton. But remember, he did no sin.
- The charge that he was a friend of tax gatherers and sinners, that was true. Because he wanted to save sinners.

3 Biblically, Wine Can Include a Wide Variety of Liquids

Proverbs 20:1; Isaiah 65:8; Joel 3:18

- Biblically, wine can include a wide variety of liquids.
- Some start reasoning about the Bible's teaching on wine from the standpoint that every time the word wine is used, that it is speaking to something equivalent to our wines today. This is false.
- Wine is a mocker. Strong drink is a brawler. And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.
- What passage declares that those that drunk wine were sinners? My answer. Not a passage. Because wine could mean a drink that does not intoxicate.

4 Wine in Many Different Stages of Development

Proverbs 20:1; Proverbs 23

- The Bible speaks of wine in many different stages of development.

- The practice of drinking wine in biblical times could vary from zero alcoholic content to a carefully developed beverage of roughly 10% alcoholic volume.
- Strong drink, which is routinely condemned in the Bible, strong drink is equal to or weaker than today's beers and wines.
- That's why I strongly promote abstinence. Abstinence leads to sobriety and the character that Jesus calls us to.

5 Misuse of the Bible Is a Stumbling Block to Sobriety

Romans 14:17; Romans 14:21; Luke 17:1–2

- How about fortified wine? How about a beverage that is two to three times stronger than any drink that could have been available in biblical times?
- This kind of argumentation and misuse of the Bible is a stumbling block to sobriety. It will inevitably lead someone to sin.
- Whatever this passage is talking about, it is talking about liberties and not things which were opposed to righteousness.
- If we are saying irresponsible things like Jesus drank wine, Jesus turned water into wine, so we can drink wine, that is inevitably going to lead to someone stumbling.

6 The Eating and Drinking Jesus Promotes Is Life-Giving

John 6:53

- The kind of eating and drinking that Jesus promotes for us is life-giving.
- Unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man, you have no life in yourselves.
- Jesus provides living water. And he who drinks what he provides will never thirst.
- My people have committed two evils. They have forsaken the fountain of living waters.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you need to start drinking from the right fountain and from that fountain of righteousness?

MY NOTES