

Would Jesus Play *The Beatles: Rock Band*?

Answers the Question:

Who is Jesus, and what is His message?

Big Idea:

Jesus Christ turns the bitter waters of life into the wine of joy and celebration.

Key Scripture:

John 2:1-11

No seriously, would Jesus play *The Beatles: Rock Band*?

Tell me this question gets you thinking, or at least pondering this concept. As you know, this video game has taken the world by storm, outsold *Guitar Hero 5*, and thousands, if not millions, of teens are being introduced to the Beatles magic that stormed the world the first time nearly 50 years ago!

To recap, 4 mop-topped lads from Liverpool, England, put a little garage band together and within a few years, were the first group in history to play in sold-out stadiums around the world. John, Paul, George and Ringo became household names and to this day, we can see the continued ripple effects from the incredible splash The Beatles made when your parents were infants.

Yes, I think Jesus would play *The Beatles: Rock Band* and here's why: Read John 2:1-11.

This was the first miracle Jesus performed and it revolved around keeping the party going. How? Well, wine in that day was symbolic of joy and celebration and if the groom's after-wedding party ran dry, it was a serious offense - in fact the people could have had him arrested! Notice that Jesus not only attended the party, but He made sure the joy and celebration continued - which tells us several critical things about God's one and only Son.

First, it is obvious that Jesus loves to connect with people. When He wasn't preaching or teaching, He was hanging out at social events that seriously offended the stuffy stuck up religious folks. They weren't mad because He went to parties; they were ticked because He had such a great time at them! Can't you see Jesus and the disciples laughing it up over a video game if they had a 1st Century PS3? I sure can...only the lyrics then would have been "God loves you, yeah yeah yeah."

You know what else? This account shows us that the reason Jesus went to parties and hung out with "sinners" was not to judge or condemn them - in fact, it was just the opposite. Jesus got involved in people's lives so He could let them know there is a way to find true and lasting joy and celebration that isn't found in a bed or a bottle. This kind is guilt- and consequence-

free, and the freedom it brings turns the bitter waters of life into a spiritual wine that never runs out.

And guess what? Jesus offers the same miracle to us!

He can he turn depression into joy...

He can turn emptiness into contentment...

He can turn sin into grace...

Most importantly, He can turn death into life.

The Beatles brought a feeling of happiness and enjoyment to a world in need of an escape from the turbulent 1960s, but I've got a feeling you would also like to say hello goodbye to yesterday and get back to feeling fine. The same Jesus who turned water to wine can quench your spiritual thirst and bring joy and freedom that no rock band has ever known. Trust Him for salvation and don't keep the good news to yourself. You have friends that need more than just a little help - they need the true message of salvation.

Here comes the Son!

ALT-ernative Questions:

- What bitter water is in your life right now?
- How does it feel to know that Jesus went to parties to connect with people?
- How does this truth change your perspective about the Jesus/Christian life?
- What are some ways you could apply this truth to your life?

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