

Miraculous Signs Reveal God's Glory

Scripture: John 2:1-11 Key Verse v. 11

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I. BIBLICAL CONTEXT

Signs point to or reveal something. They are directional and informational. In this lesson today, **we see the miraculous sign that reveals the deity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.** The supernatural power displayed in the water changed to wine is not the focus of the lesson. The focus is the revealing of God in the flesh. John 1:14 says, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

II. The Lesson: Miraculous Signs Reveal God's Glory

What Jesus did in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which He revealed His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. Let us now examine the verses one by one.

1. Verses 1-2:

Jesus ministry has begun, he called his first disciples, and now he is on his way to a wedding at Cana in Galilee that they had been invited to. Jesus's mother also was there. Weddings are happy and joyous occasions that usually last for a week.

2. Verse 3:

There arose a problem that could have been an embarrassing situation for the family and relatives. The wine had run out. Jesus's mother brought the problem to his attention. She believed that he could do something about it. After all, she knew who Jesus was. Luke 1:29-38.

3. Verse 4:

Jesus reply would not be one that you would expect from a son to his mother. However, Jesus was not being rude or disrespectfully. Though he was the son of Mary, most importantly, he was the Son of God who had come to do the will of His heavenly Father. Jesus stated that his hour had not yet come. Jesus' will was perfectly aligned with the will of His Father. John 4:34, "My food, "said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." Jesus didn't act on his own accord but in total obedience to the heavenly Father. He did things in accordance with God's timing.

4. Verse 5:

Mary wasn't discouraged, she merely turned to the servants and told them to do whatever Jesus told them to do. She believed that Jesus would do something.

5. Verse 6:

Nearby were six stone waterpots. These were the kind of waterpots that were used for ceremonial washing. For it was customary that Pharisees and all the Jews would ceremonially wash their hands before eating. Mark 7:3-4. These stone waterpots were large and could hold up to twenty to thirty gallons.

6. Verse 7:

Jesus told the servants to fill the jars with water. The servants were obedience to do what he told them to do. They were not disgruntled, didn't complain, or were indecisive. They acted in accordance to Jesus' word.

7. Verse 8:

Then Jesus told them to draw some out and take it to the master of banquet. They did so. What a display of obedience! They had no way of knowing that the water that they were taking to the master of banquet was anything but water. They just acted upon the words of Jesus.

8. Verse 9:

And the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He didn't realized where the wine had come from but the servants knew.

9. Verse 10:

He called aside the bridegroom to compliment him on saving the best wine for last. This was not the usual custom that the best would be saved for last. Usually, the choice wine was served until folks have had more than their share then the cheap wine would be served last. Thank God for sending Jesus Christ. John 1:17 – "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

10. Verse 11:

The miraculous sign of Jesus changing water to wine was not the major focus of the lesson. **This was the first sign of Jesus revealing his glory, the manifestation presence of God in the flesh.** Because of this, his disciples believed in him. This was also a confirmation in what Jesus told Nathanael in John 1:50, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."