

THE BOOK OF JOHN

Read The Sign Carefully!

John 2:1-11

John 2:1-2, "And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage."

John shows us a "week in the life of Jesus" at the beginning of His ministry.

- Day 1 John the Baptist is questioned about who he is (1:19)
- Day 2 John points to Jesus as the Lamb of God (1:29)
- Day 3 John introduces Andrew and John; Andrew brings Peter (1:35)
- Day 4 Jesus found Philip, Philip brought Nathanael (1:43)
- Day 5-6 They traveled to Cana in Galilee (2:1)
- Day 7 Jesus changed water to wine at a wedding. (2:1-11)

This "first week" reminds us of two things...

- The week that God took to create the world "in the beginning"
- The last week of Jesus' ministry that is emphasized in John 12-20.

Jesus went to a wedding... A Celebration!

At this wedding Jesus moves from being Guest to Son to Host.

John 2:3, "And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine."

It seems like: Mary suggests... Jesus resists... Mary insists.

What really happens: Mary suggests... Jesus informs... Mary submits.

John 2:4, "Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come."

John 7:30, "Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come."

John 8:20, "These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come."

John 12:23 "And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified."

John 13:1, "Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."

John 17:1, "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:"

John 2:5, "His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

John 2:6, "And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece."

6 jars... we're told three things about these jars:

What they held—120-180 Gallons

What they were used for—Ceremonial Cleansing

What they were made of— Stone - Common Clay

John 2:7, "Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim."

God involves us in doing something great.

John 2:8-9, "And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,"

Notice who was aware of the miracle being worked. It wasn't the participants... or even the honored guests. It was the servants. Want to see miracles...start serving.

John 2:10, "And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now."

John 2:11, "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him."

Jesus' first miracle was a private event at a wedding... while His last miracle was a public event at a funeral.

Signs are more than just miracles... they are miracles with a meaning. They are living parables.

A "sign" is put there to tell you something that you wouldn't otherwise know.

- A miracle that points not just to the miracle, but to the doer of the miracle.
- A work of power in the physical realm that illustrates a principle that is operative in the spiritual realm.

How exactly did this miracle point to Jesus' glory?

1. This was a miracle of creation!
Read the sign! Jesus makes things!!
Jesus showed that He was Lord over nature and Lord over time.
2. This was a miracle of transformation!
Read the sign! Jesus changes things!!

How can we experience His wedding miracle in our hearts?

"His disciples put their faith in Him."

Note the different people and how they responded to this miracle:

- Mary invited the miracle (by interceding)
- The servants participated in the miracle (by obeying)
- The steward and guests enjoyed the miracle (by drinking)
- The disciples believed in the miracle worker (they put their faith in Him)