

# The Beginning of Miracles

John 2:1-11 And the **third day** there was a **marriage** in Cana of Galilee; and the **mother of Jesus** was there: 2 And both Jesus was **called**, and his disciples, **to the marriage.** 3 And when they **wanted wine**, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have **no wine.** 4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? **mine hour is not yet come.** 5 His mother saith unto the servants, **Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.** 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. 7 Jesus saith unto them, **Fill** the waterpots with water. And they filled them up **to the brim.** 8 And he saith unto them, **Draw out now**, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare *it*. 9 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, 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. 11 This **beginning of miracles** did Jesus in Cana of Galilee,

and **manifested forth his glory**; and his **disciples believed** on him.

- After Jesus got baptized He went into the wilderness and was tempted of the Devil
- After all He has been through He comes to a wedding. He saves the family from embarrassment, meets their need in a big way
- This is the drunk man's favorite passage of Scripture. Jesus turned the water into wine! Why doesn't the church do more of the same!
- Have you heard the story of the drunken coal miner who was converted and became a vocal witness for Christ. One of his friends tried to trap him by asking, "Do you believe that Jesus turned water into wine?"  
"I certainly do!" the believer replied. "In my home, He has turned wine into furniture, decent clothes, and food for my children!"
- Interesting to note that Jesus shows up and works His first miracle at a wedding ceremony. That is an implicit approval

of marriage and wedding services! Jesus is sanctioning marriage

- Jesus could easily not have gone to the marriage. He could easily not have this included in the Bible
- Why is it that today Jesus isn't invited to our marriages? Why does He seem like such a stranger in our homes?
- Marriage and wine are a celebration of great joy and Jesus is welcome there. You need to know that Jesus is the true source of joy
- Satan may have you believing that if Jesus becomes Lord of your life that He will take all your joy but that is the opposite of the truth
- Notice that Jesus uses the term woman instead of mother when He refers to Mary **4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.**
- He is stating who He is! He is not the son of Mary but the Son of God
- He is here with a purpose-He has come to die!
- He is not disrespectful but firm. He could have easily set Mary up to be worshipped but He didn't. He uses a common

but respectful word that would be used for any lady of the day!

- Mary though rebuffed seems to have understood that He can do something about it
- Mary simply tells the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them to do
- Jesus used men but He worked a miracle. Every time He does something with you it will look the same. You working what would appear normal. Jesus doing the real work
- He has them prepare about 120 gallons of water
- The water drawn out is turned to wine **8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.**
- He adds nothing to the water. He says no magical incantation over the water. He simply says, get some out and take it to the Maitre D
- What is the real point of this story **11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.**

# 1. His hour was not yet come

- a. Jesus came to earth with a purpose [Luke 19:10](#) For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
  - i. He came to give His life a ransom [Matthew 20:28](#) Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
  - ii. He came to give His life [John 10:17-18](#) Therefore doth my Father love me, because **I lay down my life**, that I might take it again. **18 No man taketh it from me**, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.
  - iii. Jesus came to die. He came to bring salvation to us!
- b. His hour refers to the time that He knows that He is going to die [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.
- c. The hour of His death is approaching [Matthew 26:18](#) And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him,

The Master saith, **My time is at hand**; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

- d. Jesus lived life on purpose
  - i. He came to die on the cross and pay our sin debt
  - ii. He knew that He was going to die
  - iii. He constantly looks to and refers to being on the Father's timetable
- e. Jesus' hour will come. He will die. He will be buried. He will rise from the dead.
- f. You should know that His life was not an accident. His death was intentional. He died for you. Will you reject the intentional gift of life that He offers you
- g. Will you not tell others what He has done on purpose. Will you not share the gospel with your friends

## 2. The beginning of miracles

- a. The beginning or his first miracles-this refutes those stories in the apocrypha that would lead us to believe that He worked other miracles
- b. We know about His birth and very early life. We know about His experience at 12 years of age. Then we next

see Him when John the Baptist presents Him as the Lamb of God

- c. He begins these miracles to show us that He truly is God. The miracles are signs, they are to show forth who He is
- d. The miracles caused people to believe Him **John 2:23** **Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.**
- e. It was the miracles that drove Nicodemus to Jesus **John 3:2** **The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.**
- f. Jesus was invited to the time of joy, marriage. He is not a kill joy, not a party stopper but the source of all real joy and happiness
- g. You will not need something else to get you going, to feel joy, or be happy

3. Manifesting His glory **11 This beginning of miracles** did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and **manifested forth his glory**; and his **disciples believed** on him.
- a. Jesus is God manifest in the flesh **John 1:14** And the Word was made flesh, and **dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
  - b. He is more than a prophet or a teacher-He has power over nature
  - c. When Jesus worked the miracle His disciples believed Him **11 This beginning of miracles** did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and **manifested forth his glory**; and his **disciples believed** on him.
  - d. Jesus is God. He knows He is God. Even when He is at something as simple as a wedding He shows who He is. **John 17:5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
  - e. Jesus' prayer shows His desire for us to see His glory **John 17:24** Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; **that they may**



**behold my glory,** which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

- f. Do you glorify Him as God? Do you worship Him? Is He your Lord and Master? Does your life reflect that truth?