

“The Miracle of the Abundance of Wine”

John 2:1-11

The divinely appointed hour of the revelation of Jesus’ glory

1. The Setting: A Wedding

vv. 1-2

“On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee”

- Cana of Galilee
- Mary, the mother of our Lord present
- Jesus and His disciples also invited

2. The Request: “Faith Waiting”

vv. 3-5

(1) The need brought to our Lord [a prayer!]

“They have no wine.”

- simplicity
- simple trust

(2) Our Lord’s Mild Rebuke

*“Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me?
My hour has not yet come.”*

- He makes clear that His actions cannot be in the least conditioned by His unique relationship to Mary.
- Mary has no unique access to our Lord, nor any unique influence upon His actions!
- “My hour” - the time of revealing His glory

(3) Mary’s confidence

*“His mother said to the servants,
‘Whatever He says to you, do it.’”*

- She is entirely receiving of our Lord’s words
- She is nonetheless confident that He will act!
- Note: This is the only command Mary ever gives in all the Scriptures!

3. The Miracle

vv. 6-10

(1) Six stone waterpots

*“Now there were set there six waterpots of stone,
according to the manner of the purification of the Jews.”*

- used for purification
- 20 to 30 gallon capacity = 120 to 180 gallons total
- The shadows of old Judaism: the constant need to be cleansed from the defilements of sin!

(2) Our Lord’s Authority: Two commands to the servants

-v. 7 *“Fill the waterpots with water.”* (And they filled them up to the brim.)

-v. 8 *“Draw some out now and take it to the master of the feast.”* (And they took it.)

(3) Our Lord’s Power: Water into Wine! (9-10)

-1- “the water that was made wine”

- apparently changed into wine while being carried to the master and guests

-2- Compliments to the Groom!

*“Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine,
and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior.
You have kept the good wine until now!”*

- Abundance of wine!
- The finest wine!

-3- The miracle hidden from most!

- The dignity and grace of our Lord’s work:
He does not draw attention away from the wedding couple!

4. Its Significance

*“This beginning of signs
Jesus did in Cana of Galilee,
and manifested His glory;
and His disciples believed in Him.”* v. 11

(1) The beginning of the display of His glory

(2) The glory manifested

- Creative power “All things were made through Him”
- Redemptive significance:
Our Lord in His person is the source of life – abundant life!
He outstrips all of the Old Covenant shadows.

(3) The result

“...and His disciples believed in Him.”

- *Not* for the first time
- Faith grows upon seeing the glory of Christ!