A Wedding at Cana

John 2:1-12

Introduction

What is a miracle?

A sign is informational, a symbol indicating the existence of something. It points to something in particular.

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"On the third day"

"the mother of Jesus was there"

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"his disciples"

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"They have no wine."

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"Woman, what does this have to do with me?"

"My hour has not yet come."

Jesus is not disrespecting His mother. He is preparing her. There was a greater will moving Him.

1. Jesus' response, "what does this have to do with me?" should be our response as Christians.

There is a greater will that moves us too.

Mark 3:31-35

Jesus' response is also an act of love meant to pull away and prepare her for what lies ahead for Him.

Luke 2:34-35; John 19:26-27

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Ezekiel 36:25; Hebrews 10:22; Ephesians 5:26

2. Vessels must be empty before they can be filled with the pure Living Water of God's Word.

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"the water now become wine"

Wine represents the joy we find in Christ.

Psalm 104:15

When the King of kings gives He gives generously.

Esther 1:7; John 10:10; Psalm 65:9-13; Luke 5:6-7

3. The problem is not an inexhaustible abundance in creation, but an insatiable appetite in craving.

Covetousness and sinful indulgence comes from – the heart (cf Mark 7:21-23; cp Prov. 23:29-35).

It's not God tempting man to sin that causes him to sin.

It is sinful man who gives in to temptation because of the weakness of his flesh.

James 1:13-14

Rich in God – Poor in Possessions

Luke 12:13-15; Romans 14:17-18

The problem is *depravation*. So, the solution is not *deprivation*.

"Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine."

The law of diminishing returns.

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We saw the miracle of His birth in the Incarnation. Here we see the birth of His almighty power.

"manifested his glory"

John 1:14

"And his disciples believed in him"

The disciples who believed Him previously now believe in Him fully.

Isaiah 40:5; Mark 8:38

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Psalm 4:6-7

Wm. Tyndale; (1494-1536)

Euagelio (our evangel – gospel)

"is a Greek worde, and signyfyth good, mery, glad and joyfull tydings, and maketh a mannes hert glad, and maketh hym synge, daunce and leepe for joye."

COMMUNION

Genesis 49:10, 11; 1 John 5:6; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10