

The Free Presbyterian Church in Cloverdale

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Who is The Lord Jesus Christ?

Message #7 Sovereign Creator

John 2:1 – 11

This morning we will be witnessing a marriage and joining in on a very happy occasion.

There is one guest whom we must invite into our midst – the Lord Jesus.

He was pleased to attend this wedding at Cana of Galilee and join in on that joyous occasion.

We are interested in this account of that wedding because here the Lord performed His first miracle - turning water into wine. They ran short.

Note that it was Mary – the Lord’s mother who pointed this out at first.

When the Lord was hesitant to fulfil her first request she pressed upon the servants to carry out whatever instructions the Lord would give them.

It would appear that she used her instincts as a mother to move the Lord to help.

It takes this kind of faith and trust to plead with the Lord for our needs even before there is any reply from the Lord. – Tuck that lesson away for your prayer life.

Then the six water pots were filled with water and when they drew out from it for the guests it was discovered to top quality wine. It seems that only the servants understood the facts of the miracle that took place. It seems to have been hidden from the ruler of the feast and even the guests, as the commendations were given to the bridegroom.

The comment that the good wine was kept to the last is in keeping with how the Lord does everything. *“He hath done all things well.” Mark 7:37*

We want to note the result of this miracle. See verse 11.

- It manifested forth His glory.
- It gave grounds for the disciples faith in their Lord.

We are asking who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

The answer we must give in light of this miracle is: He is the Sovereign Creator over His creation.

Dan. 4:35 Think of the value of this doctrine of God’s Sovereign Rule over all affairs.

God's glory is at stake

[“A due apprehension of God's Sovereignty promotes the spirit of worship, provides an incentive to practical godliness, and inspires zeal in service. It is deeply humbling to the human heart, but in proportion to the degree that it brings man into the dust before his Maker, to that extent is God glorified.” - A.W. Pink](#)

God's church is at stake

We know that every force imaginable would crush the church and its witness in this world but for the controlling power of the Lord.

Our comfort is at stake

How could we be at rest if God is not in control?

How would we deal with all the hard issues of life if we thought for a moment that random chance deals out the causes and effects of our lives?

Our Prayer life is at stake

If God is not ruling then why should we even bother to pray?

How could we pray for nations and souls if God is not controlling all the hearts of men?

Our zeal is at stake

Our standing on God's promises for service depends on our confidence that God rules the world to build His church, and that the gates of hell and all the onslaughts of darkness cannot break down the kingdom of God gives us assurance that God is there controlling.

Our faith in Christ is at stake

Every aspect of the life and work of the Lord Jesus was to fulfil a preset plan foreordained from the beginning of time.

If ever the decrees of God are to be seen in operation it is in the life and work of our Lord. If that cross was not the absolute plan of God then there is no gospel to preach.

This is seen in the ministry of His Son:

Christ was, and is now sovereign over:

Creation,

Satan,

The enemies of the cross.

So let us begin with Christ's Sovereignty in Creation. [John 1:1-3.](#)

1. WE MUST RECOGNISE THE LORD'S SOVEREIGNTY AS CREATOR

[1] He was Creator when he changed the water into wine.

There are some unique aspects about this miracle:

- There were no other ingredients added. So not a chemical reaction. By some special law unknown to men.

Some in jungle would be surprised at the works of a tape recorder.**
But not a miracle at all as it is by knowledge of laws of creation etc.

- The Lord never even spoke a word.
- The Lord just willed it to be done. It was attributed to the Lord.
- It defied the normal processes of nature. Grape production, – fermentation.
- It was never repeated again. It was not a trademark of the Lord's ministry. It pleased Him to do this just once. Some think that what the Lord does in one place has to be repeated over and over.

Yet His disciples believed on him through this.

He created what he wanted.

To create or not to create was His choice.

He chooses to create one object or to multiply them, or to diversify them.

1Cor 15:41

Roses or Thorns

Rocks or soft soil

Angels or worms.

Rich or poor. - who can ask the potter what doest thou? See Rom. 9:20,21. God's diversity or inequality in creation also applies to humans.

Learn this text: *"The lord hath made all things for Himself."* Prov. 16:4

See also Rev. 4:11.

[2] Stilling the Wind and Sea. Mark 4:39 –41.

This is to control the raging forces of nature. This is intervention on a powerful scale.

This is in scale with the work of gathering the animals into the ark.

[3] Healing the sick.

He is the great Physician John 9:5-7. & 32.

[4] Raising the dead. Lazarus John 11:35

Jairus daughter Mark 5:35.

Speak the word only Matt. 8 5-13.

2. WE MUST RECOGNISE THE LORD'S SOVEREIGNTY AS REDEEMER

[1] The Lord would one day take the cup and declare that it was the symbol of His own blood shed for our redemption.

John 10:18 Laying down and raising up his life.

- As a sacrifice
- As an active Priest.
- He defied natural processes in his death and Resurrection.

Our Lord turned death into life.

He took the our sins which were our curse and he made them sweet.

[2] This process of turning water into wine can symbolize the miracle of regeneration.

- **He changes sinners into saints.**

He takes us as corrupt sinner and makes us holy. He changes our hearts to be right with God.

He takes away the stony heart of rebellion and gives us a new heart that is turned toward the love with God. It is called the new birth or to be born again.

- **He changes us instantly just as the wine was changed instantly.**
- **He changes us to be acceptable to God just as the good wine was pleasing to the guests.**

Concluding question: How shall we benefit from the power of the Lord?

Put your complete trust in the Lord Jesus as perfect Saviour.

Let this be your comfort that you have a perfect Shepherd.

Let this put zeal in your soul for prayer and service.

We rejoice in a Saviour who has infinite grace and complete power to save sinners.

Is there a Mary here to give good advice on what to sinners should do?

Mary told the servants, **“Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.”**

Will you obey the voice of the Saviour calling you to be saved?