

*Morning Sermon Outline / September 4, 2022*  
*“A Wedding, Wine and a Miracle Divine” / John 2:1-11*

*John’s Gospel and the Old Testament (proving Jesus to be God) –*

- **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1 NKJV)**

*Compares to*

**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1 NKJV)**

- **In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. (John 1:4-5 NKJV)**

*Compares to*

**Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. (Genesis 1:3 NKJV)**

- **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. (John 1:3 NKJV)**

*Compares to*

*- The entirety of Genesis 1 where God creates the Heavens, the Earth, Light, Water, Plants, Birds & Fish, other Animals and Mankind, Jesus Christ, as the Eternal Word, has His part in all of this –*

**<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)**

*However, we would be wrong if we thought John, either the Gospel writer or the Baptist or Jesus Himself was merely quoting the Old Testament, no, by God’s grace they are enlightening us! We are seeing how Jesus fulfills Old Testament Prophecy and types, from the beginning they were all meant to POINT to JESUS -*

**The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29 NKJ)**

*When John the Baptist is quoted saying, “Behold the Lamb of God...” John the Apostle is teaching us that Jesus replaces every Old Testament lamb, even all Old Testament sacrifices! They were all meant to point us to Jesus!*

*When John tells us what Jesus says to Nathanael, And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” (John 1:51 NKJV)*

*He is telling us Jesus is the TRUE LADDER between Heaven and Earth, and the True Mediator between God and man! He is the TRUE LADDER; Who Jacob dreamed of; and we all NEED – Genesis 28:10-17*

**And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!” (Genesis 28:17 NKJ)**

- I. This connection of John’s Gospel to Genesis / and the Old Testament continues with John 2, and John’s account of the Wedding at Cana—See Jesus having a role in the original institution of marriage –*

**And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. <sup>22</sup>Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (Genesis 2:21-25 NKJ)**

He instituted marriage in Genesis 2, He blesses a wedding with His first miracle in John 2 - This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. (John 2:11 NKJ)

1. *These passages establish marriage, between a man and a woman as a God-given / Christ blessed institution.*

A. *They work as a condemnation of every belief that would distort this institution -*

<sup>13</sup> If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall* be upon them. Leviticus 20:13 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. <sup>16</sup> If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *is* upon them. Leviticus 20:15–16 (NKJV)

B. *The woman was created for relationship with the man, this is at least part, and a big part of God's design –*

<sup>18</sup> And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*" Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

"That the woman was *made of a rib out of the side of Adam;*  
not made out of his head to rule over him,  
nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him,  
but out of his side to be equal with him,  
under his arm to be protected,  
and near his heart to be beloved."

Matthew Henry

2. *Christ's blessing this wedding with wine, shows He agrees with God's original thoughts on marriage –*  
And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*" (Genesis 2:18 NKJ)

3. *God intended we have companionship, encouragement in marriage, this does not mean unmarried people are sinning –*

But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord-- how he may please the Lord. (1 Corinthians 7:32 NKJ)

4. *Obviously, the even earlier command, requires a man and a woman –*

<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply**; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:28 (NKJV)

II. *John's including of this miracle is also meant to show Jesus' superiority over Moses –*  
For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17 NKJ)

1. *Moses gave us the law, which can only condemn sin, and Moses' miracles were usually miracles of judgment –*

And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And **all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.** (Exodus 7:20 NKJ)

2. *Jesus will die and take away the penalty of sin and so His miracles are not miracles of judgment, but rather of grace – They (the couple) NEEDED Wine at this wedding ...*

Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.<sup>8</sup> And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it.<sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.<sup>10</sup> And he said to him, “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!” (John 2:7-10 NKJ)

*What a dramatic difference between Jesus’ and Moses’ miracles –*

- A. *Moses’ miracles were plagues -*



**Waters Turn to Blood**  
Exodus 7:14-25



**Amphibians (Frogs)**  
Exodus 7:26-8:11



**Gnats (Lice)**  
Exodus 8:12-15



**Flies**  
Exodus 8:16-28



**Disease on Livestock**  
Exodus 9:1-7

## The Ten Plagues of Egypt



**Unhealable Boils**  
Exodus 9:8-12

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**Hail and Fire**  
Exodus 9:13-35



**Locusts**  
Exodus 10:1-20



**Darkness**  
Exodus 10:21-29



**Death of First-Born**  
Exodus 11:1-12:36

- B. *Jesus went about doing good -*

“how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (Acts 10:38 NKJ)

*This change, this improvement is seen even in the change in our covenant signs: for instance, the Passover, involving a bloody sacrifice, is replaced by the Lord’s Supper, including wine!*

- III. *This passage shows us that Jesus did not condemn the drinking of wine –*  
You have kept the good wine until now!” (John 2:10 NKJ)

1. *Wine to is a blessing to believers –*

<sup>15</sup> And wine that makes glad the heart of man, Oil to make *his* face shine, and bread *which* strengthens man’s heart. Psalm 104:15 (NKJV)

2. *Wine and other pleasures are to be enjoyed in moderation –*

<sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, Ephesians 5:18 (NKJV)

3. *Wine is only a blessing to us because we are in a good relationship with God and Christ, otherwise it would be a destructive thing –*

<sup>31</sup> For their rock is not like our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges. <sup>32</sup> For their vine is of the vine of Sodom And of the fields of Gomorrah; Their grapes are grapes of gall, Their clusters are bitter. <sup>33</sup> Their wine is the poison of serpents, And the cruel venom of cobras. Deuteronomy 32:31–33 (NKJV)

IV. *John's including this miracle should make us look forward to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb –*

<sup>7</sup>“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” <sup>8</sup> And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.” (Revelation 19:7-9 NKJ)

1. *Jesus' marriage supper is called, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, “The Lamb” because we who will marry Him, His church, are the same people He died for -*

“for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” <sup>20</sup> Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. (Luke 22:18-20 NKJ)

2. *The Lord's Supper points us to this supper, also portrayed in Song of Solomon –*

**THE SHULAMITE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM** He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. (Song of Solomon 2:4 NKJ)

A. *Love for Christ, is key to dining with Christ –*

**Better is a dinner of herbs where love is (where Jesus is), than a fatted calf with hatred. (Proverbs 15:17 NKJ)**

B. *He wants our love to be a whole-hearted love –*

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “***You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.***” <sup>38</sup> ***This is the first and great commandment.*** <sup>39</sup> ***And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’*** <sup>40</sup> ***On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.***” Matthew 22:37–40 (NKJV)

C. *An obedient love -* <sup>15</sup> ***“If you love Me, keep My commandments.*** John 14:15 (NKJV)

D. *He wants us HOT HEARTED in our LOVE for Him, not lukewarm –*

<sup>15</sup> “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup> “Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’-- and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--” <sup>18</sup> “I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. <sup>19</sup> “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. (Revelation 3:14-20 NKJ)

“Adam was a figure of him that was to come; for out of the side of Christ, the second Adam, his spouse the church was formed, when he slept the sleep, the deep sleep, of death upon the cross, in order to which his side was opened, and there came out blood and water, blood to purchase his church and water to purify it to himself. See Eph. 5:25, 26.”

Matthew Henry

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, <sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, Ephesians 5:25–26 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. <sup>31</sup> “*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*” <sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Ephesians 5:30–32 (NKJV)