

WATER INTO WINE, THE FIRST SIGN OF GLORY
JOHN 2:1-12

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN IS SUCH A POWERFUL GOSPEL AND IT CAN BE SPLIT UP INTO 4 SECTIONS. IN CHAPTER 1, THE APOSTLE JOHN INTRODUCES US TO WHO JESUS IS; "IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD. THE WORD WAS WITH GOD AND THE WORD WAS GOD." "EVERYTHING THAT WAS MADE WAS MADE THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM" AND FINALLY, "THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US." IN CHAPTERS 2-12, JOHN ACCOUNTS FOR THE MINISTRY AND MIRACLES (SIGNS) OF JESUS SUPPORTING THE DOCTRINE OF HIS DIVINITY. IN CHAPTERS 13-17 JOHN ACCOUNTS FOR THE TIME JESUS SPENT SHARING WISDOM AND DIRECTION WITH HIS DISCIPLES IN THE UPPER ROOM. CONCLUDING HIS GOSPEL WITH JESUS' PASSION WEEK AND RESURRECTION IN CHAPTERS 18-20. THE PURPOSE OF THIS GOSPEL IS EVANGELISTIC. SO THAT, ALL THOSE WHO READ IT MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BY BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME. NO WONDER THIS IS THE MOST SUGGESTED BOOK OF THE BIBLE TO STUDY FOR NON AND NEW BELIEVERS. LAST WEEK, WE FINISHED CHAPTER 1. JESUS BEGAN TO DRAW HIS FIRST DISCIPLES TO HIMSELF BY SAYING "FOLLOW ME" AND "COME AND SEE". ANDREW, JOHN, PETER, PHILIP, AND NATHANAEL ARE THE FIRST DISCIPLES TO FOLLOW JESUS. AS WE BEGIN CHAPTER 2 TODAY, THE SETTING IS A WEDDING AT CANA IN GALILEE. THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF JESUS HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN. THE SON OF GOD WILL

LEAVE HIS MARK ON HUMANITY AND ULTIMATELY BRING SALVATION TO HIS PEOPLE (THE REPENTANT SINNERS)

John 2:1-12 NIV

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." ¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

John 2:1-2 NIV

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

3 DAYS AFTER JESUS CALLED PHILIP AND NATHANAEAL THEY WERE INVITED TO A WEDDING. CANA IS ABOUT 9-13 MILES NORTH OF NAZARETH. BOTH NAZARETH AND CANA ARE VERY SMALL TOWNS. SO, EVERYBODY WOULD KNOW EVERYBODY

SHOW SLIDE

MARY WAS THERE, AND NATHANAEAL WAS FROM CANA. SO, WE KNOW THIS WAS A CELEBRATION FULL OF LOVED ONES

NOTICE, JESUS WILL PERFORM HIS FIRST MIRACLE AT A WEDDING. SHOWING HOW IMPORTANT MARRIAGE IS TO GOD

John 2:3 NIV

³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

WEDDINGS LASTED A WHOLE WEEK BACK THEN MARY IS INVESTED IN THIS CELEBRATION EMOTIONALLY AT THE VERY LEAST. TO RUN OUT OF WINE AT AN EVENT LIKE THIS WOULD BE DEVASTATING TO THE NEWLYWEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THESE ARE CLOSE KNIT COMMUNITITES, SO TO FAIL TO PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR GUESTS WOULD INVOLVE SOCIAL DISGRACE AND NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

NOTICE MARY JUST PRESENTS THE ISSUE TO JESUS, NOT A DEMAND. SHE KNOWS WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE CAN DO!

WE SHOULD DO THE SAME WITH OUR ISSUES

John 2:4 NIV

⁴ “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.”

JESUS IS NOT BEING DISRESPECTFUL BUT POLITELY DISTANCING HIMSELF FROM HIS MOM (CALLING HER WOMAN NOT MOM). HE IS NO LONGER HER SON; HE IS HER MESSIAH WHO IS ON MISSION. JESUS WILL ONLY TAKE DIRECTION FROM THE FATHER, NOT HUMANS

John 2:5 NIV

⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

THESE ARE MARY’S LAST RECORDED WORDS IN THE NT. PRETTY DEEP AND PROFOUND FOR EVERY SERVANT OF CHRIST. OBEY AND EXECUTE IMMEDIATELY AND EFFECTIVELY WHAT EVER JESUS TELLS US TO DO

MARY BROUGHT THE NEED AND TRUSTED THAT JESUS WOULD DO SOMETHING. SHE DIDN’T KNOW WHAT HE WOULD DO, SHE JUST KNEW HE WOULD DO SOMETHING

THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES IN CARNALITY AND BLESSINGS IN OBEDIENCE

John 2:6-7 NIV

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.

SIX WATER JARS THAT HOLD 20-30 GALLONS FILLED WOULD BE 120-180 GALLONS. THESE WATER JARS ARE CONNECTED WITH THE SYSTEM OF THE LAW (CEREMONIAL WASHING)

THESE SERVANTS NOT ONLY WERE OBEDIENT, BUT THEY ALSO GAVE IT 100% EFFORT FILLING TO THE RIM

John 2:8-9 NIV

⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT IS GOING THROUGH THE SERVANTS MIND? REGARDLESS, THEY DIDN'T ASK QUESTIONS, THEY DID WHAT JESUS TOLD THEM TO DO

1. THEY OBEYED IMMEDIATELY - FILLED THE JARS
2. THEY OBEYED COMPLETELY – FILLED TO THE BRIM (NOTHING ADDED BUT COMPLETELY CHANGED)

IMAGINE IF THEY ONLY FILLED THEM HALF WAY

3. THEY OBEYED EACH INSTRUCTION AS IT CAME – FILL, DRAW, TAKE IT

JESUS TURNED WATER INTO WINE WITH NO TOUCH, NO WORDS SAID LIKE, “LET THERE BE WINE!” JUST HIS SOVERIEGN WILL. THIS IS THE OMNIPOTENCE (UNLIMITED POWER) OF GOD

NOT ONLY DID JESUS SAVE THE PARTY, BUT THROUGH ACTION IN PROVIDING THIS MIRACLE, JESUS IS CONFIRMING THAT HE HAS FULLFILLED THE OT LAW WITH IT’S CEREMONIAL LAWS THE NEW WINE IS THE NEW COVENANT CHRIST PROVIDES

WHEN HE WILLS THE SALVATION OF A PERSON, NONE CAN PREVENT IT, WHEN HE WILLS OUR SAFETY, NOTHING CAN HARM US, WHEN HE WILLS OUR EVERLASTING INHERITANCE IN HEAVENLY GLORY AND HE DOES, WE WIL GET IT!!

GOD LOVES TO LET US PARTICIPATE IN MIRACLES THAT ARE HUMANLY IMPOSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN SHARE THE JOY OF THE MIRACLE WITH HIM AND TESTIFY OF HIS GOODNESS

John 2:10 NIV

Then he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

THIS IS PREMIUM TASTING WINE!! THE LORD'S FIRST MIRACLE SPEAKS OF THE NEW BLESSING WHICH COME AS A RESULT OF HIS PRESENCE. WINE METAPHORICALLY SPEAKS OF THE JOY OF A SPIRITUAL LIFE.

WITH THE COMING OF JESUS, GOD'S BEST HAD ARRIVED.

IN CONTRAST WITH MOSES, WHO TURNED WATER INTO BLOOD IN JUDGEMENT. (EXODUS 7:14-24)

THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD MAY BE SATISFYING AT FIRST, BUT IT GETS OLD...YOU MAY THINK YOUR BEST DAYS ARE BEHIND YOU. THE TRUTH IS, WHEN JESUS IS A PART OF YOUR LIFE, LIFE GETS BETTER AND THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

John 2:11 NIV

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

THE APOSTLE JOHN CALLS THEM SIGNS NOT MIRACLES BECAUSE SIGNS REVEAL, SIGNS GIVE DIRECTION

SIGNS ARE PROOFS THAT REVEAL:

1. THE LORD'S DIVINITY
2. HIS MISSION
3. HIS GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN, AND THE TRUTH HE TAUGHT

John 2:12 NIV

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

THERE IS NO RECORD OF ANYONE FOLLOWING JESUS AFTER THIS BUT HIS DISCIPLES. EVERYONE LOVES A BLESSING BUT FEW ARE WILLING TO FOLLOW JESUS

WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

DID YOU COME TO MEET WITH THE LIVING GOD?

ARE YOU WILLING TO FOLLOW HIM NO MATTER WHAT IT COSTS? BECAUSE IT WILL COST YOU

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