

When God Shows Up: Seven Miracles in John

Lesson 1

John 2:1-11

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A Wedding Gone Bad Turned Good

INTRODUCTION

A wedding in Cana! A joyful event! Accompanied by His disciples and His mother, Jesus was a guest and performed His first miracle at this celebration. Yet, Jesus did not immediately “jump” at the opportunity; He demonstrated hesitancy and a trace of discord when Mary remarked, “They have no more wine” and suggested He should solve the problem. (John 2:3) At some point between verses 4 and 5, Jesus changed His mind.

An amazing result took place after the servants followed Jesus’ command to pour water into six ceremonial washing jars. When the liquid was tasted, it was not water, but wine of the highest quality. Much delight was expressed over the superior wine that seemed to have come out of nowhere, and only the servants knew of its transformation – but not for long!

News travels fast, especially reports of a miraculous sort. Perhaps a servant revealed the origin of the wine to a guest, or possibly Mary informed a disciple. In whatever way the news was spread, it “was the first of the signs through which He revealed his glory....” (John 2:11)

Memory verse: “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.” —John 2:11

Pray, and read John 2:1-11. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

1. Who, besides Jesus, attended the wedding in Cana?
(John 2:1-2)
2. What was Jesus' reply when His mother informed him that the wine supply was depleted? (John 2:4)
3. To whom did Jesus tell the servants to take the transformed (i.e., "created") beverage? (John 2:8)
4. What did the master of the banquet declare about the wine? (John 2:10)
5. What did Jesus accomplish by changing water into wine? (John 2:11)

4. Whom might Jesus have been mocking when He asked the servants to fill the *ceremonial washing* jars with water (John 2:6) rather than ordinary water jars? (Matthew 15:1-2, 9)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. The wedding in Cana gave Jesus His first opportunity to present a sign that revealed His glory and caused His disciples to believe in Him more deeply. Do you think this sign would be enough to convince people you know to believe in Jesus without question? Why or why not? Or, do you feel it would be an effective invitation to them to learn more about this God-man by reading further scripture? Why or why not?

