

Jesus: The Undisclosed Story - Part 3
The First Miracle: Party Time!
John 2:1-11
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All Scripture Referenced is New International Version

"On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.' 'Dear woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My time has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.' They did so, 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 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, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him." John 2:1-11

The Setting

- * First-century Jewish weddings could last for _____
- * When the young couple's family ran out of wine, it wasn't just awkward, it was a _____

A Mother and a Son

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- * Mary was probably wondering just when Jesus was going to start making himself

_____ as the Messiah

* If Jesus revealed himself fully now, declared himself the Messiah, then the hour of the _____ would be upon him

Water into Wine

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* It was real, _____ wine

Jesus said, "For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' (I) came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners.'" Luke 7:33-34

Jesus said, "...I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God." Mark 14:25

"He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate--bringing forth food from the earth; wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart." Psalm 104:14-15

"Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart..." Ecclesiastes 9:7

"Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses." 1 Timothy 5:23

What was Jesus wanting the miracle to tell us?

- * God cares about the _____ in your life
- * Jesus wanted to get across the _____
 - The symbolism of a _____
 - > The coming of the Kingdom of God is likened to a wedding _____
 - The symbolism of running out _____
 - > With the coming of Christ, the old ways of religion were _____
 - The symbolism of _____ the water into wine
 - > The entire course of human history had been waiting for the new wine of the _____
 - The symbolism of providing wine to _____
 - > We are to look forward to that hour when he would drink the cup of _____ and ask us to drink that wine as well
 - The symbolism of using the ceremonial _____
 - > The jars and water reflected the entire ceremonial system that Jesus would fulfill and render _____
 - The symbolism of filling the jars to the _____
 - > Showing the old ways of doing things had run their course
 - The symbolism of _____
 - > The coming of Christ would mean feasting and joy
 - The symbolism of _____
 - > The life Christ brings would be overflowing and _____
 - The symbolism of the _____ of the wine

> The coming of Christ was the end of God's full _____

- The symbolism of the _____ itself

> John calls a _____

The Purpose of 'Signs'

* Four main clusters of miracles in the Bible

a. _____: plagues, crossing the Red Sea, manna from heaven

b. _____: Elijah, Elisha

c. _____: water into wine, walking on water, etc

d. _____

"...Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him..." Acts 2:22

"We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard...announced by the Lord...God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles..."
Hebrews 2-1-4

About Faith

"This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him." John 2:11

Conclusion

* Miracles don't _____ faith, they _____ faith

* Will you put your faith in Christ--full faith as _____ who came to planet earth?