



When The Water Blushed!

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TEXT: John 2:1-11

Sign Miracles Point the Heart to Jesus

THE GIFTS JESUS BRINGS

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, And He gave gifts to men." - Ephesians 4:7-8 NASB

1. JESUS COMES TO OFFER FESTIVAL JOY!

*When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
- John 2:3 ESV*

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man - Psalm 104:14-15 ESV

Isaiah 25:6-9, Amos 9:13-14, Joel 3:18

SERVANTS ARE THOSE WHO...

...the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew)... - John 2:9 ESV

- GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY.
- GIVE THEIR BEST.
- GAIN THE BLESSING.
- GRACIOUSLY REMAIN IN THE BACKGROUND.

2. JESUS IS THE BRIDEGROOM YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!

...the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him... "you have kept the good wine until now!" - John 2:9-10 ESV

*You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease."
- John 3:28-30 ESV*

Isaiah 62, Hosea 2, Ezekiel 16, Jeremiah 2, Mark 2:18ff, Revelation 21

3. JESUS IS THE CREATOR OF GOD'S NEW CREATION!

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty to thirty gallons - John 2:6 ESV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? ...No one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. - Luke 5:34, 37-39 ESV

Mark 7:1-15

4. JESUS BRINGS US JOY BY LOSING HIS!

...my hour has not yet come - John 2:4 ESV

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." - Matthew 26:27-29 ESV

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. - John 2:11 ESV

Next Steps

- Memorize **2 Corinthians 5:17**.
- Receive the gifts Jesus is so willing to give me.
- Get in a Growth Group this fall season.
- Giving my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.

Walk the Talk

A Growth Group Guide

1. Have you ever run out of something really important at the last minute? What did you do to resolve the crisis?
What is the funniest thing you have ever witnessed at a wedding?
2. What do you think Mary was thinking when she asked Jesus to get involved, especially since she may have been involved in organizing the reception?
3. Why is it so important to go to where the sign leads us to go instead of fixating on the sign itself? What is this sign miracle telling you about Jesus?
4. If you had been the bridegroom when the master of the feast congratulated him about the best wine, what would have been your reaction about the amount? About the source? About the quality?
5. Of the four gifts Jesus brings (see outline above), which one speaks the strongest to you at this time? Why?
6. What impresses you the most about the servants in this story? Explain.
7. How does this passage challenge you in light of this story: ***Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18 NLT)***? Could this have been the "good wine" the story is pointing toward?