

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: John – verse by verse

**Scriptures for Today: John 2:1-12 – the first public miracle of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John.**

Today's Message:

**“Water and Blood”**



## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned of the extraordinary nature of our Lord's invitation to follow Him. We saw the first disciples find people they cared about and brought them to Jesus – a great example to follow! Today, we arrive at chapter 2 and the first public miracle of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John. There are **SEVEN** miracles of Jesus Christ highlighted in this book which all prophetically picture an aspect of our salvation. Interestingly, the first public miracle of **MOSES** in the Old Testament was similar to the first public miracle of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, this incredible passage is mishandled in our time by people who try to make “social drinking” acceptable for God's people. Did Jesus furnish a wedding party with enough alcohol to get them heavily intoxicated?? Of course **NOT!** So, what do we learn from this? Pay close attention today for what God wants to teach you. This is God's message to you...

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### A. The Text John 2:1-12

**#1. The Marriage – Jesus and his disciples were CALLED to a marriage in Cana.**

THE **MOTHER** OF JESUS...

- ✓ This is the first mention of Mary in John's gospel account; her name is **NEVER** given.
  - **2:1, 3, 5** – “... and the mother of Jesus was there:”
  - **Mt 1:18** – “When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they...”
  - **Mk 6:3** – “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James...”
  - **Lk 1:27** – “To a virgin espoused to a man... and the virgin's name was Mary.”

#### Important Note

John is the only Gospel to exclude Mary's name. There is no mention of Joseph.

**WOMAN**, WHAT HAVE I TO DO WITH THEE?

- ✓ Jesus Christ makes it respectfully clear that she will not be directing His miracles!
  - **2:4** – “Jesus saith unto her, **WOMAN**, what have I to do with thee?”
  - **Jn 4:21** – “Jesus saith unto her, **Woman**, believe me, the hour cometh... worship ...”
  - **Lk 11:27-28** – “... Blessed is **the womb that bare thee**... But he said, Yea rather...”
  - **Jn 19:26-27** – “... he saith unto his mother, **Woman**, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour... took her unto his own home.”

#### Important Note

At the start of His public ministry, Jesus and Mary would have a new relationship.

#### A change to the mother and son relationship

If Mary was to seek out his help now, she must not do so on the basis of their mother-and-son relationship. Consider how this goes contrary to the RCC heretical teaching!

**MINE HOUR IS NOT YET COME.**

**Important Note**  
The miracle that was coming would also point to His DEATH on the cross!

- ✓ The phrase, “*Mine HOUR is not yet come*” clearly points to His **DEATH** on the cross!
  - **Jn 7:6, 30** – “*Jesus said...My time is not yet come... his HOUR was not yet come.*”
  - **Jn 8:20** – “*... and no man laid hands on him; for his HOUR was not yet come.*”
  - **Jn 12:23** – “*Jesus answered... THE HOUR is come... the Son of man should be glorified.*”
  - **Jn 13:1** – “*Now before the feast... when Jesus KNEW that his HOUR was come...*”
  - **Jn 17:1** – “*These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes... Father, THE HOUR is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:*”

**#2. The Miracle – Jesus turned some 100-160 gallons of water into “WINE”.****FILL THE WATERPOTS WITH WATER... THE WATER WAS MADE WINE**

- ✓ The 1<sup>st</sup> public miracle by Moses in the Old Testament was turning water to **BLOOD**.
  - In **Ex 7:14-25**, God told Moses He would cause *the waters of Egypt to become BLOOD!*
  - In **Deu 32:14**, the song of Moses says, “*Thou didst drink the pure BLOOD of the grape.*”

**THIS BEGINNING OF MIRACLES DID JESUS...**

- ✓ The 1<sup>st</sup> public miracle by Jesus in the NT was turning **water** to the **blood** of **GRAPES**.
  - In **Jn 2:1-12**, in His first public miracle, Jesus turned water into wine – a type of BLOOD!
  - In **Jn 19:34-36**, Jesus was PIERCED and forthwith came there out BLOOD and WATER!
  - In **Jn 3:3-6**, the first physical birth is of WATER, the second spiritual birth is of SPIRIT.
  - In **1Jn 5:8**, the THREE that agree in ONE are *the Spirit*, and the **WATER**, and the **BLOOD**.

**Important Note**  
The wine Jesus Christ made was **supernatural** wine. It tasted better than the best wine anyone ever tasted!

**MANIFESTED FORTH HIS GLORY**

- ✓ The first public miracle was to MANIFEST HIS GLORY – **not** get people INTOXICATED!
  - In **Gen 40:11**, the butler said that he *took grapes and pressed them* into Pharaoh’s cup.
  - In **Isa 65:8**, the Bible says that it is NEW WINE that is found in the cluster of grapes!
  - In **Mt 26:28-29**, Jesus gave disciples NEW WINE then which is the **FRUIT** of the vine!
  - In **Num 6:3-4**, a Nazarite was to **never** DRINK wine and strong drink or even EAT grapes!
  - In **Mk 15:23** they gave Jesus to *drink WINE mingled with myrrh: but he received it NOT!*
  - In **Mt 27:34**, they gave Jesus VINEGAR to drink (NOT WINE) and he drank of it.

**Important Note**  
Like a good Nazarite, Jesus Christ is never recorded anywhere in the Bible as having even sipped a cup or glass of fermented wine (alcohol).

**#3. The Lesson – eternal salvation comes by the spoken WORD of Christ.****WHATSOEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU, DO IT**

- ✓ The *good wine* is THE PURE BLOOD of the grape which is a picture of Christ’s **BLOOD**.
  - Remember Moses song **Deut 32:14**, “*Thou didst drink THE PURE BLOOD of the grape.*”

**WHATSOEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU, DO IT**

*We are born again by the word of God! Amen. The words of Jesus Christ are the words of life. Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it! So, what is He saying to you right now? DO IT.*