

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN | John 2:1-12

INTRODUCTION

11 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*

The purpose of the Gospel of John is to reveal to us the glory of Christ so that we might receive grace. So the question for this passage is this: What is the glory of Christ revealed at the wedding of Cana, and how does it give us grace?

There are at least two answers to this question: 1) The glory of the obedient Son and 2) the glory of the all-providing Bridegroom.

I. THE GLORY OF THE OBEDIANT SON

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. *John 2:1-7 ESV*

Jesus prioritizes his Sonship to his heavenly Father above his sonship to his earthly mother. There is no doubt that Jesus was obedient to his earthly mother, but that is not the point here. The way that Jesus chooses to respond to his mother's request in this passage is very intentional. His response was meant to reveal a radical allegiance to God's will above his mother's will.

One of the things that makes his response stand out so much is that Jesus actually immediately does what his mother asks of him by performing a miracle. Jesus already knew that he was going to fulfill his mother's request, so he could have easily just responded to her by saying, "Of course, Mother. I'll take care of it right away." This is what he does, but it's not what he says.

Jesus wanted to deliberately teach us something about who he is. He wanted his mother, the servants, his disciples, and us to fully know that he does not operate by favoritism. He wanted us to know that his family would have no special advantages when it came to determining his ministry or determining who he would choose to save. The reason for this is because Jesus was and is perfectly bound to the will of his Father in heaven. His miracles are not at his mother's disposal or anyone else's. Jesus and the Father are one, and they share one will.

19 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. *John 5:19 ESV*

28 So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. *John 8:28 ESV*

Jesus had to work against the false assumption of his day that his physical family would have an advantage when it came to spiritual influence and spiritual blessing. People assumed that being the mother of Jesus would come with special privileges, but Jesus clears up this assumption by focusing his attention on spiritual relations rather than physical relations.

27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" 28 But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" *Luke 11:27-28 ESV*

32 And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." 33 And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother." *Mark 3:32-35 ESV*

This is good news for us. It means that it doesn't matter what family tree you come from. Your parents may be the most unspiritual, ungodly people you know, but that will not keep you from Jesus' favor. Followers, not family, are his friends.

II. THE GLORY THE PROVIDING BRIDEGROOM

8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 9 When 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), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." **John 2:8-10 ESV**

In the Gospel of John chapter 3, John the Baptist says that Jesus is the bridegroom and that the bride belongs to him. Therefore, it is not a coincidence that the first miracle Jesus chooses to perform is making provisions at a wedding that the earthly bridegroom could not make.

The point is that this earthly groom failed to provide enough wine. This is the way it is with all earthly grooms. All husbands ultimately fail to be what God has called us to be, but Jesus is the perfect, all-providing Bridegroom. The wine that he provides is always far better than the wine that any earthly groom can provide, and his wine never runs out.

CONCLUSION

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready." Revelation 19:6-7 ESV

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