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Jesus Saves A Marriage!

John 2:1-11

Pastor Jason Dennett's Teaching Notes

NKJV - "On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him."

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- **Cana of Galilee** - This chapter moves us geographically from the area of the Jordan River down south, and it moves us north-northwest to the area of Galilee, which will become the headquarters for Christ, and just about five miles north of his hometown of Nazareth was the village of Cana of Galilee.
- **Mary was invited to this wedding, along with Jesus and His disciples**. It's very possible that the couple was related somehow to Mary.
- **This is 1 of 7 miraculous "signs" in John's Gospel**, and each of them conveys a special truth about Jesus to us.

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- **Weddings in the Jewish culture would probably be the best party that you would attend all year long**. It would begin with the groom arriving at the house of the bride at nighttime, the streets would be lighted with torches. He would then escort his bride throughout the entire city, until they arrived at their their new house. Typically every wedding guest would receive a pair of wedding garments, be invited to stay for the party that would last for 7 days, and there would be an abundance of food and wine, to celebrate the joy of the newly formed marriage.
- **However, to run out of wine at a Jewish wedding was a social catastrophe**. It was such an expected part of Jewish culture, that the couple could even be sued if the wine ran out, for not meeting their cultural obligation as hosts!! There have even been historical letters uncovered where this happened.

• **Mother Mary: "Trust the POWER & PLANS of Jesus!"**

- **Jer 32:27** NKJV - "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?" (Jn 1:1-3)
- **Isa 55:8-9** NKJV - "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Mary's reputation?!?)

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- Jesus makes it clear that from this day forward, His relationship with Mary will be different. He does this by using the word "gune" a term of endearment and respect much like "madame, or ma'am" in the English language. He doesn't say "mother" but rather "madame", signifying that now His ministry is beginning, and now his relationship to her is different.
 - Mary is **NOT comparable to Jesus**, and is not equal to Christ
 - Mary is **NOT worthy of veneration** or people's prayers - only GOD!
 - Mary is **NOT our 'co-redeemer'** in salvation - only JESUS!
 - Mary is **NOT sinless and immaculate** before the Lord - only CHRIST!
 - Who is Mary biblically?? **A blessed servant of the Lord**, but also **a sinner in need of a Savior!!**

• **Mother Mary: "Look to JESUS for help!"**

- **Ps. 121:1,2** NKJV - "I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth."
- **Josh 1:9** NKJV - "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

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• **The Miracle declares: "Jesus is CREATOR & GOD!"**

- **John 1:1-3** NKJV - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him.." (atomic restructuring??)
- **Col 1:16** NKJV - "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."
 - **Kyoto Japan** - The Temple of 1,000 Buddha's...
 - **Ancient Greece** - Pantheon of gods to worship...
 - **Modern Hinduism** - 300 million gods to choose from...

• **Each of the 7 SIGNS in John's Gospel has a spiritual message/truth attached to it:**

- After the sign of the Loaves and Fish - "I AM the **Bread** of Life"
- After the sign of healing the blind man - "I AM the **Light** of the World"
- After the sign of raising Lazarus from the dead - "I AM the **Resurrection**"

- *But this miracle doesn't specify what the message is....*

- **In the Old Testament, wine is a special symbol to the Jewish people:**
 - **Ps. 104:15 NKJV** - "...wine that makes glad the heart of man."
 - **Jud. 9:13 NKJV** - "...the vine said to them, 'Should I cease my new wine, which cheers both God and men..'"
 - **Even the Jewish rabbis taught:** "Without wine there is no joy."
 - **IMPORTANT:** This is NOT a license to get drunk on wine, which the scriptures clearly declare as sinful. Drunkenness and the irresponsible consumption of alcohol are plainly forbidden by GOD. If you do feel the liberty to drink occasionally, be careful not to offend the conscience of other by enticing them to drink with you. Don't stumble others, and don't let yourself come under the influence of alcohol in drunkenness. FYI - Jews waters the wine down...2 cups of water for every cup of wine. (Read Ecc 10:17; Lk 21:34; Rom 13:13; Gal 5:21; 1 Pet 4:3)

- **The Miracle teaches: "Jesus is the JOY- BRINGER!"**
 - **John 15:11 NKJV** - "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and [that] your joy may be full."
 - **John 16:24 NKJV** - "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."
 - **The first miracle Moses ever performed was turning water into blood.** Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine. Moses' miracle of turning water into blood brought destruction and misery; Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine saved the day and brought joy.
 - **John 1:17** - "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

- We could say that the water is a picture of a relationship with God under the Old Covenant, and the wine is a picture of a relationship with God under the **New Covenant**.
 - The wine was after the water, and the **New Covenant** is after the Old Covenant.
 - The wine was from the water, and the **New Covenant** is from the Old Covenant
 - The wine was and better than the water; and the **New Covenant** is better than the Old Covenant.

- **Mark 2:22 NKJV** - "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

III. Lessons from the **MARRIAGE**. (v.9b-11)

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- **Remember, Jesus Himself invented the institution of Marriage in Gen 1.** Here He puts His blessing upon it, by attending the wedding and providing for the wedding. Marriage is a holy and sweet gift from GOD.

• **This Marriage shows us: "Jesus loves to be INVITED!"**

- **As all-powerful Creator**, he can give you the power you need to love!
- **As the all-powerful Lord**, he can guide you along his perfect plan!
- **As the Joy-bringer and Life-giver**, He can infuse your marriage, your family, and your home with freshness, joy, and new life by His Spirit!
 - *"What the **sun** is to the day, what the **moon** is to the night, what the **dew** is to the flower, such is Jesus Christ to us. What **bread** is to the hungry, **clothes** to the naked, the **cool shadow** of a great rock to a traveler in a foreign land, such is Jesus Christ to us. What the **husband** is to his spouse, such is Jesus Christ to us!" - Charles Spurgeon*