

SO THAT YOUR AY BELIEVE

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SIGNS: Water to Wine

John 2:1-11



"It should come as no surprise of the God who supernaturally created the universe should choose at times to supernaturally intervene in it." John MacArthur

John 1:43
The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me."



John 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

John 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.



Walking

- Jesus is recruiting students
- 'follow' Me
- 'as you are going' Great Commission
- Who did you bring? Invite?



"The New Testament without the miracles would be far easier to believe. But the trouble is, would it be worth believing?"

Gresham Machen



John 2:1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;

John 2:2 and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

Wedding 1,2

- Not the wedding of John or Jesus
- Part of a community carpenter teacher
- "family life under His care" Spurgeon
- TAKE TIME!
- Eternal life is seen in God's gift of life!

"The miracles Jesus performs...do not compel faith; but those with faith will perceive their significance."

D.A. Carson



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



John 2:4
And Jesus said to
her, "Woman, what does that
have to do with us? My
hour has not yet come."



John 2:5
His mother said to the servants,
"Whatever He says to you, do it."

Want 3-5

- Extra guests? Poor planning? Accident?
- •Supply = Welcome
- 'Father's business' 'woman'?
- True kindness begins at home!
- If you are too busy to love too busy!



"I never have any difficulty believing in miracles, since I experienced the miracle of a change in my own heart."

Augustine

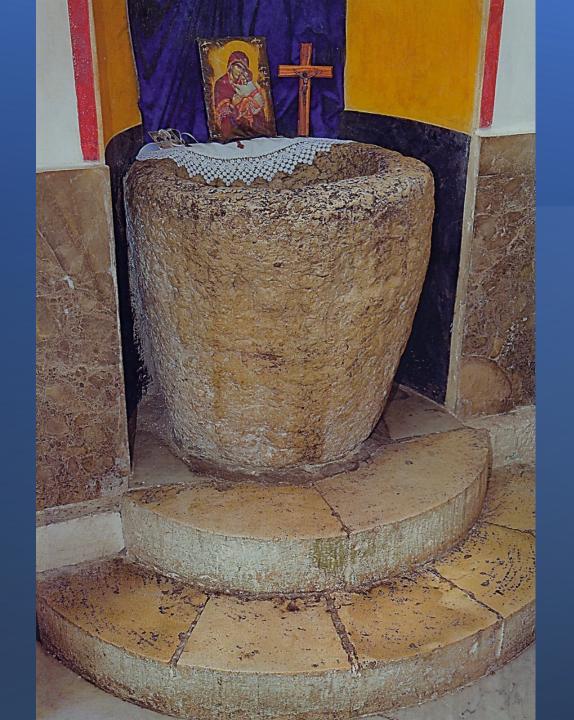


John 2:6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each.



John 2:7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim.





ACTUAL WATER POT IN CANA (Qana) CHURCH

Ritual Purity Stone Jars Cana Synagogue Jesus' first two miracles John 200 4803 Joss Will 83



6 Large Stoneware Pots: Jn 2 The 20-30 gal. ceremonial stoneware pots

The 20-30 gal. ceremonial stoneware pots were not being used for catering the wedding, indicating they were inside the Cana synagogue or an adjoining building where the pots were stored. Stoneware was excavated a Kh. Qana.



Water 6,7

- •Six water pots 6 = Creation?
- Why fill just make wine?
- Why move the stone verify!
- 'brim' transformation addition
- Lessons of obedience FULL
- Believe to the 'brim'!



"We cannot be amazed at the changing of water more than the Creation of water!"

John 2:8

And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him.



John 2:9

When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom,



John 2:10 and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now."



Wine 8-10

- Stones to bread Devil
- Moses sweetened bitter water
- Elisha purified springs w/salt
- Jesus multiplied bread & fish
- Wine assumes time Eden
- 'oinos' juice/wine drunkenness?
- Did Jesus teach gluttony at 5000?



"The sugar of grape juice can only ferment to 3 or 4% alcohol with wild yeast - airborne yeast. For grape juice to exceed 4% alcohol, then the winemaker must add yeast. The yeast added to ancient wines produced between 4 -10% alcohol. Alcohol kills these yeast cells and prevents levels of alcohol from exceeding 10%. Today, wines average 12-20% alcohol due to modern fermentation by adding sulfur dioxide and a cultured GMO yeast to a late harvest of ripened grapes with higher fructose." (Winemaker Magazine - 'Wines & Vines', UC Davis; I.S.B.E. - "Alcohol in the Church," Bible Wine)



"Miracles are the signatures of God not the subject!"

John 2:11
This beginning of His signs
Jesus did in Cana of Galilee,
and manifested His glory, and
His disciples believed in Him.



Why 11

- Power over Creation add or modify!
- Old Covenant New Covenant better
- Sign shows superiority not benefit
- Glory here is compassion not supply
- 'His disciples believed in Him'
- TRUTH: He can remake me!



"Belief in miracles does not destroy the integrity of scientific methodology, only its sovereignty." Norman Geisler





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