## Water to Wine

John 2:1-11

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Two Popular Misconceptions

— Wonders of Nature

-Unlikely Occurrences

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-Vernon C. Grounds in Baker's Dictionary of Theology

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- The Setting (1-2)
  - -Cana in Galilee (1)
  - -A Wedding (1)
- The Crisis (3-5)
- The Miracle (6-10)
- The Result (11)

# Our Response to Miracles

- Belief in Jesus being who He claimes to be
- Repentance
- Submit to Christ as Lord
- Cling to Christ as your savior
- Meditate on the Gospel daily
- Tell others who Jesus is