

In Our Prayers...

*Requester's name is in parentheses

Kathy (website request) – Kathy has been out of work for fifteen months and is experiencing financial distress.

Rick Hales (Debbie Sutherlin) – Rick had been improving after being trampled by a bull a little while ago. Now he is having heart trouble related to those injuries. Rick lives in Texas.

Bereaved – Shiprock Church of Christ; Jodi James; family and friends of Judy Jones; Jim Bertram family, including Nathan Wheeler's mom, Charlotte Bertram.

Ongoing Health Concerns — Scarlett Siner; Jan McKesson; Bill Himes; Jim Beaver; Bill Harrell; Joe Shattuck; Jerry Lacy; Josh Martin; Karen Crowson; Victoria Pettigrew; Jeff Foster; Terry Wells.

Door for the Word — Ongoing Bible studies & effective means for spreading the gospel in and around Durango this year.

Announcements

January Potluck Our first potluck fellowship of 2026 is next Sunday, January 25. Please plan to join us immediately after worship services.

Lord's Supper Sign-Up Please sign up to help with communion preparation and clean-up in 2026. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the classroom hallway bulletin board. Thank you!

March Singing Fellowship We will host area congregations for the 5th Sunday Singing fellowship this March 29th. Our brothers and sisters in the Pine Valley congregation will help us with the meal to be shared after the singing. Be thinking about a main dish theme for the meal.

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Service Times

Bible Study

Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7p.m.

Worship

Sunday 10:20 a.m.



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When Jesus Manifested His Glory

By Peter Leithart

Jesus turned water to wine, His first sign (John 2:11), an epiphany of the Word made flesh.

Of what is it a sign? Of many things.

The wedding takes place on the "third day" (2:1), which is the seventh day in the sequence of days in John's first chapters (see 1:29, 35, 43).

During the creation week, grain and fruit trees spring from the ground on the third day. Life bursts out on the third day; things move from old to new.

Of course, the great third day of the gospel story is Jesus' resurrection (John 2:19-20). The third day of the wedding anticipates the final sign of John's Gospel.

Jesus uses the water of Jewish purification (John 2:6). Jesus' sign not only reveals His divine power but also symbolizes the shift from the purity rules of the old order to the wine-joy of the new.

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The water is in stone jars (John 2:6), and in drawing wine from the stone, Jesus proves Himself greater than Moses, who drew mere water from the rock.

The six waterpots are large, containing 20-30 gallons. Human beings are also containers (see Psa 2:9; Jer 18:1-4; Rom 9:19-24; 2 Tim 2:20). In John 2, the pots specifically symbolize Jesus' disciples.

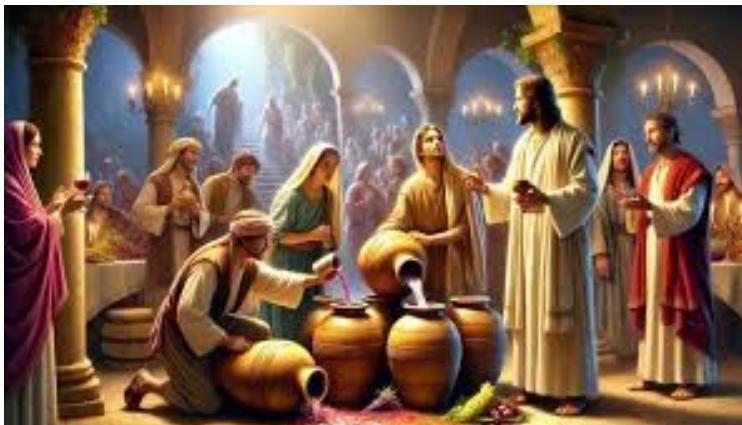
By the time of the wedding, Jesus has six disciples (two disciples of John [John 1:35-37], who each bring brothers [1:40-41]; then Philip, who finds Nathanael [1:43-45]).

Six waterpots, six disciples. In transforming the water, Jesus pledges also to transform the disciples, so they bubble up with the Bridegroom's wine (cf. John 3:29).

The entire episode manifests the humility of Jesus. When the new wine is served, the people praise the bridegroom for reserving the best wine for last.

Jesus doesn't deflect the glory back to Himself. He stands aside to let the bridegroom take the credit.

And so from the first sign, Jesus' glory is the glory of humility, the glory of the cross.



Sermon Notes

All the People Were Praying Luke 1:5-25

1. Sometimes faith stops _____.
2. Faith never stops praying for what is _____.
3. Promises are kept in God's _____.
4. Promises are kept by God's powerful _____.
5. Pray for our _____.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Jan 19	Mon	Gen 49 – Exod 2
Jan 20	Tue	Exodus 3 – 6
Jan 21	Wed	Exodus 7 – 10
Jan 22	Thur	Exodus 11 – 14
Jan 23	Fri	Exodus 15 – 18