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True Equity and the Greatest Love / John 2:1–11

#### Notes

03/03 John 2:1-11, "The Private Reveal" pt. 2 Subtitle: The Messiah, Scripture: Matt. 8:23-27 (Not responsive, Scripture reader to read all the verses).

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Understanding the Prince of Glory and tasting of His glory leads followers to believe.

- Weddings lasted 7 days, with new guests arriving daily
- The bridegroom's family were responsible to host the visitors
- It seems likely that Mary and Jesus' family were known to the bridegrooms family
- In the gospel of John, Mary is never referred to by her name, but rather adjectives like "Mother of Jesus" and "woman."
- Jesus and the disciples were invited to come to the wedding feast.
- At this point on Andrew, Simon, Philip, Nathaniel, and the unknown follower were mentioned as disciples of Jesus. The twelve were mentioned later (John 6:67)
- *[Tyndale NT Commentary] John: An Introduction and Commentary (C. The Wedding Feast at Cana (2:1–12)).* The words 'my time (hōra) has not yet come' include the first of nine references to Jesus' 'hour/time' (4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27 [2×]; 13:1; 16:32; 17:1), a significant theme in this Gospel
- **"My time has not yet come..."** referenced 9 x's in the gospel (John 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23; two x's in John 12:27; 13:1; 16:32; and John 17:1), making this a major theme in John's gospel. The first 3 was that His hour had not yet come and the last 6 that it had come.
- **"the hour"** was the time in which Christ's glory would be manifested in the New Covenant and redemption of Creation would be provided through his death, resurrection and exaltation.

- **Since at this point “the hour” had not yet come, He would do an act to reveal a portion of the glory through this act, that would be a “taste” of the glory that was to come.**
- Jesus didn’t fulfill the request for the sake of his mother, He chose to reveal to those around Him a shadow of what He was going to provide later. It was not an act of obedience to the will of His mother, but rather an act of obedience to reveal the will of His father.
- It was not to save face for the bridegroom’s family in the eyes of his guests, but to provide beauty and belonging for the “guests” that would stand before the face of a Holy God.
- **This story is not about the bridegroom and bride of this narrative**, it was about the Bridegroom Jesus and His bride known as the church which is comprised of all those who believe in Jesus greatest glory.
- This seems to be what Mary understood when she ordered the servants to do whatever He told them to do.
- Jesus’ mother has only ever given one instruction that has been preserved for the readers of Scripture and that is this one that she gives to the servants, “do whatever Jesus tells you to do.”
- We could learn from Mary. She knew that she could turn to her Son in her time of need. That fact that she did so for the needs of others is also telling. As she could turn to her Son in time of need, so she also knew that once she did, she could leave things to Him, once she had made the need known.
- We could also learn from the servants. Even though they had no idea what Jesus was going to do, they obeyed Jesus **as fully as they could**.
- We do not know at what point the miracle happened (in the jars, when poured into pitchers, when poured out into drinking vessels, or when drank) *John: An Introduction and Commentary (C. The Wedding Feast at Cana (2:1–12))*. The custom of the day was to offer the best wine first, so that the guests would appreciate the host’s provision, and then, when their palates had been dulled by too much drinking,<sup>14</sup> bring out wine of lesser quality. Jesus’ provision of quality wine well into the celebration meant this custom was reversed.

- In the same way, what God had provided for humanity up to this point was the lower quality, but what Christ would provide when His “time” would come, would be that of the greatest quality and value.
- Throughout the OT abundant wine, oil, and milk were all signs that pointed to an age of fulfilment, a “time” that would come (Jer. 31:12; Joel 3:18; Amos 9:13-14)
- Jesus was showing that the long awaited time, the kingdom of God, had arrived (Matt. 14:17; Mark 1:15).
- This is the first of 7 signs that John records, so that he might lead his readers to believe by faith in Jesus.
- This narrative shows both Christ’s ability to provide what the world and the men in it cannot as well as the abundance of quality of that which only He can provide.
- There are only two possible responses to what Jesus says, obey or not.
- There are only two responses to Jesus coming into the world and revealing His glory in it, believe or not.

The bridegroom (Jesus Christ) offers you to drink of His glory that He has shown to the world so that you might obey Him and believe in Him.

Like Mary, turn to Jesus in time of need and know that you can leave it in Jesus’ hand. Like the servants did, then just do whatever He tells you to do.

## **There are things that only Christ can provide (John 2:1-5)**

What the world has to offer will always fall short of what is expected. What

mankind provides will always run out

**What Christ provides is better than anything this natural world can offer and never runs out (John 2:6-10)**

**There are only two responses to Seeing Christ's glory, believe and obey (John 2:11)**

Then you can know that you can leave it in Jesus' hands. He will take care of your need, all of your needs, and do it the best way possible and in abundance.

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