

# MIRACLES: The Miracle at Cana Text: John 2:1-11

## *He Makes All Things New*

### Introduction:

1. There's a reason people cry at weddings...
  2. God Joins 2 to become 1 — and we celebrate their new beginning...
  3. Marriage is a new Hope, a new start, a new life, a new beginning...
  4. We want them to succeed and to find all the happiness of life and love
  5. And it was in celebration of a marriage that Jesus performed His 1st miracle
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## I. THE MIRACLE AT CANA (John 2:1–11)

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### A. NOTICE THE SETTING

1. **Notice WHERE it happened**—humble home in small town of Cana [MAP]
  - a) Cana was a small town about 4 miles NE of Nazareth, SW of Sea of Galilee
  - b) This was a poor area of hard working people — laborers and farmers
  - c) But even in a forgotten place, God's people have hope
2. **Notice WHEN it happened**—at a Wedding
  - a) A Jewish Wedding Ceremony was a Joyful Occasion
  - b) Mary the mother of Jesus is there... Jesus and His disciples are there...
  - c) But Why Would Jesus be at a Wedding?

(We Wonder: Shouldn't He be doing more important things?)

“Christ came not as an ascetic, fasting and withdrawing from public contact, but as a person of lovable social grace who adorned and blessed any company by His presence.” (JB Coffman)

3. **Notice WHY it happened**—in kindness to meet an embarrassing need!
  - a) A Wedding in ancient Palestine was not just a celebration but a formal occasion...
  - b) Mary seems to have a role in helping the family with the planning or serving
  - c) But a Mistake like this would affect all the guests and be an embarrassment to family
  - d) Sometimes one side of family invites more guests than the other side...
  - e) And sometimes word spreads to others and suddenly food or refreshments run out!

### B. NOTICE WHAT THIS REVEALS ABOUT MARY...

1. **Mary Cared!**
  - a) She Wants Everything to go well for this young couple!
  - b) Mary Knows this is a Special Occasion — She's On Top of This Problem!
2. **Mary Turned to Jesus When There was a Problem**
  - a) Mary Sees this Embarrassing Problem and Turns to Jesus!
  - b) Perhaps, Hinting a request? (2:3) “They have no wine.” (hint, hint...)
  - c) (2:4) Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me?  
My hour has not yet come.”
3. **Mary Had Faith Jesus Would Help** “*Whatsoever He says unto you, do it.*”
  - a) > Implied: Even if you don't know why!!
4. **Mary pointed to Jesus' authority, not herself!** *Whatsoever He says, do it.*

## **Do You Want to Know the Secret for Jesus Working in Your Life?**

### **If Jesus tells you to do it, just do it!**

- a) Sometimes it may not make sense to you, but do it anyway.
- b) What Jesus told them to do didn't make sense to the servants.  
They didn't need water, they needed wine.
- c) "Whatsoever He says unto you, do it."

## **C. NOTICE WHAT THIS REVEALS ABOUT JESUS**

### **1. Jesus' Compassion for the problems / anxieties of others.**

- a) Many times when Jesus healed someone we read,  
"And He had compassion on them..."
- b) Jesus cares about our needs! And He Meets our needs!
- c) Think of all the hearts and all the lives the Lord is working in right now!

### **2. Jesus' power over time.**

- a) The entire natural process from seed to germination to soil to nutrients to vine,  
to photosynthesis to fruit to maturity to nectar...
- b) Jesus did this all in a single instant!

### **3. Jesus' power over creation — (Over All Nature > All Life > All Creation)**

- a) **Jesus upholds the entire universe "by the word of His power" (Heb 1:3)**
  - (1) "For by Him all things were created in heaven and on earth, (Col 1:16, 17)
- b) **Notice Jesus didn't draw attention to Himself, but spoke softly to the servants.**
  - (1) He did not command the water to be turned into wine.
  - (2) He didn't pray over it or touch it.
  - (3) He simply willed it from a distance and it took place.

### **4. Jesus' quality of work.**

- a) One of the tricks to serve more people was to dilute the wine with water...
- b) But Jesus created the purest and best wine for last

### **5. Jesus' giving nature.**

- a) Jesus didn't just make a minimum amount!
- b) SIX Water Pots, 20-30 gallons each —> 25 gallons = 150 gallons!
- c) Jesus a King — Gave as a King! His Gifts are Kingly Gifts!

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## **II. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MIRACLE**

### **A. SIGNIFICANCE OF A WEDDING**

#### **1. Jesus Honored Marriage — And He Honored This Marriage in 2 ways:**

- a) He Attended the Ceremony of Two Young People Being Joined as One by God
- b) And He Helped Meet an Urgent & Embarrassing Need of the Bridegroom.

#### **2. It is touching that Jesus is at a wedding,**

- a) for it is God who created Man and Woman
- b) and He created marriage in the paradise garden of Eden,
- c) before sin, suffering or death! > Marriage was PLAN A — Not Plan B

**"A wedding was the occasion not only for the first miracle of Jesus; it was, after creation itself, God's own first miracle: He brought the woman to the man (Genesis 2:22)"** (Mike Mason, The Mystery of Marriage)

### **3. The Bible Begins with a Marriage—and Ends with a Marriage**

- a) The Marriage super of the Lamb...
- b) The Church as the Bride and Christ the Bridegroom
- c) There is Great Significance of this Miracle at a Marriage Ceremony

### **4. Tertullian Expressed the Significance of Marriage:**

"Beautiful is the marriage of two Christians, two who are one in hope.  
They are both servants of the same Master.... [OVERHEAD 2x]

## **B. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CEREMONIAL WATER POTS (v.6)**

### **1. Notice What These Water Pots are For...**

- a) The Ceremonial Cleansing of the Old Covenant...
- b) The Water for Purification of the Jews

### **2. The Water was for Ceremonial Cleansing—> Old Covenant...**

—The Wine was for Celebration of a New Marriage—> New Covenant

### **3. The Law came from Moses—the Law condemned but could not save**

—But Grace and Truth came from Jesus Christ...

—the bridegroom who laid down His life for His bride (Jn 1:17)

## **C. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TURNING WATER INTO WINE (v.7-10)**

### **1. Moses first miracle turned water into blood,**

—showing that the Law results in death (Exodus 7:17-21).

- (1) The Law of Moses was a Ministry of Death (2 Corinthians 3:7–9)
- (2) The Law Condemned but it Could Not Save...

### **2. But Jesus' first miracle turned water into wine,**

—showing the grace and gladness of His arrival and work.

- (1) Rather than Just the Law that Condemned...
- (2) Jesus Brought Grace that Brought Life and Peace
- (3) For the law was given through Moses,

—but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17)

### **3. Water of Ceremonial Cleansing represented the Old Covenant... and the wine of a New Marriage is like a new relationship with God under the New Covenant...**

- a) The wine was after the water—the New Covenant is after the Old Covenant.
- b) The wine was from the water—and the New Covenant is from the Old Covenant
- c) The wine was better than the water—the New Covenant is better than the Old.

### **4. Moses First Miracle Turned Water into Blood...**

#### **Jesus first Miracle Turned Water into Wine...**

- a) And While Jesus was hanging on the Cross—to verify His death...
- b) They Pierced His Side and Both Water and Blood Flowed from His side
- c) The Blood that Purchased the Church and Washes away our sins
- d) The Water Symbolic of Baptism where we come in contact with His blood

For the Forgiveness of our Sins!

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## III. THE LESSONS OF THE MIRACLE

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### A. HE MAKES ALL THINGS NEW

- 1. We Live in a Broken World: Decay, Disease, Death—Sin, Suffering, Sorrow —But Jesus Can Make All Things New... (2 Corinthians 5:17)**
  - a) Jesus can Take what is Ordinary—and Make it Extra-ordinary
  - b) He can take a broken, ragged, defeated man to make a new creation in Christ
  - c) A New Heart, New Hope, New Future—Even a New Heavens and a New Earth!
- 2. POEM: The Touch of the Master’s Hand...**
- 3. Jesus Makes All Things New! (Revelation 21:1, 5)**

### B. HE HAS GIVEN YOU A PART IN HIS PLAN

- 1. Mary Told the Servants “Whatever He says unto you, do it.”**
  - a) Almost Like She Knew They Would Be Puzzled at Whatever Jesus Commanded
- 2. Secret for Jesus Working in Your Life—If He tells you to do it, just do it!**
  - a) Fill Up the Water Pots with Water... That doesn’t Make Sense...
  - b) We don’t need water in the water pots, we need wine “Whatever He says, do it.”
- 3. Don’t You Think Jesus Could’ve Filled the Water Pots Himself?**
  - a) Each pot held between 20 and 30 gallons –
  - b) conservatively we’ll say 25 gallons each — That’s 150 gallons of water.
  - c) Jesus said, “Fill them up to the brim with water.”
    - (1) **It was to be 100% Effort.** That’s the kind of effort and commitment that is required in serving the Lord Jesus.
    - (2) **It was No Easy Task.** They could not stick a water hose in each one of the pots and fill it. They had to go to the well time and time again (L. F. Johnson)

“The servants under the direction of Jesus were in a unique place of blessing for this miracle. Jesus wanted the cooperation of men in this miracle. He could have filled the pots Himself, or just as easily created the liquid in the pots. But He knew that if the servants shared in the work, then they also shared in the blessing. The servants did not do the miracle. Their efforts alone were completely insufficient. But because of their obedience to Jesus, they shared in the joy of the miracle.” (David Guzik)
- 4. God Has Given You a Part in His Plan of Salvation**
  - a) He Already Did His Part... He Created You, Sent His Son to Die For You
  - b) But He Wants You to Do Your Part — BY FAITH — Even if it Doesn’t Make Sense!  
—> **Whatever He Says, DO IT!**

### C. THE BEST IS YET TO COME

- 1. The New Covenant of Grace is Far Better Old Covenant of Condemnation**
- 2. But the Best is Yet to Come... (1 Corinthians 2:9)**

### CONCLUSION:

- A. The Bible Begins with a Marriage and Ends with a Marriage (Rev 21:1-2)**
- B. God’s 1st Miracle after creation—Jesus 1st miracle involved marriage**
- C. The Best is Yet to Come—>To be Forever Young (Revelation 21:4–5)**