

## THE FIRST MIRACLE

**John 2:1-11** *On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Every-one brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.*

### JESUS FIRST MIRACLE WAS AT A WEDDING

Half a year ago I preached the sermon, "They are out of wine."

- It was mentioned that the Wine can represent the Holy Spirit in the OT (Joel 2:28, 3:18, Amos 9:13, Matthew 9:17) (compare Acts 2:38 & 3:19)
- We saw that Jesus is very interested in all parts of our lives, including the happiest and saddest times, and wants to bring us "seasons of refreshing."
- It was also shown that the Church as the Bride of Christ has the duty to pour out the wine of the Holy Spirit to the world by the Gospel.

### THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY (TWO QUESTIONS)

A. Did Mary cause Jesus to begin His ministry before his time?

B. Why did Jesus plan for this to be the first miracle?

A. I believe that something profound happened here. I believe that Jesus, as the Son of God, listened to Mary and began His ministry here, at her request, rather than deciding for Himself the place and time of its beginning.

*This is a great and awesome thing!*

That Jesus, who is the Word, the Creator of all things, would bend His will and His plans to an individual! (See the implicit trust Mary puts in her son!)

It reminds me of God planning to destroy Sodom, and yet changing His plans to include the requests of Abraham.

It reminds me of the story of Gideon and the fleece. It is a ridiculous story of Mighty God patiently performing petty tricks for the man. (Why didn't God say, "Just take my word for it, Gideon!")

THEREFORE JESUS OBEYED HIS MOTHER.

(Show Jesus as the Meek and Lowly. Jesus stands at the door of our hearts and knocks. "If any man open, He will come in and dine and dwell with him!" God doesn't say "I'm up here and you're down there, so find some way to come up to see me." Rather, God in the Spirit comes down and seeks to enter into our hearts. It is totally up to us to let Him in.)

### THIS IS HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT BENDS FOR CHRISTIANS

1 Cor 14:32 *The spirit of prophet is subject to the control of prophet.*

2 Cor 3:17 *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit is there is freedom.* Therefore, we decide where and when to speak, but it is the Spirit that moves

- When preaching moves you it is not the preacher, but it is the Holy Spirit.
- When teaching moves you it is not the teacher, but the Spirit of God.
- We are Co-Laborers in God's Vineyard. (He does the growing and the empowering, and we get the reward!) **WE SEE GREAT COOPERATION HERE**

### THE SECOND QUESTION REMAINS FOR US TO ANSWER

B. Why was this the first miracle? Jesus at a wedding? Jesus making wine?

**Because of the Great Wedding Feast of the Lamb of God!**

*Isaiah 25: 6-9 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."*

On our first day on the New Earth, we will be ushered into the New Jerusalem and be seated at a great and wonderful feast, the Wedding Supper of the Lamb!

**Revelation 19-7-9 (How could His first miracle be anything else?)**

### THEREFORE, WE NEED TO SEND OUT THE INVITATION

**The single greatest fact about the church is that we exist to invite the world by the Gospel to the great wedding feast of the Lamb!**

*THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY, "COME." Revelation 22:17*

*If we don't pour it out to others, the wine in us sours. Winemakers know that while wine is fermenting, it must be poured from jar unto jar (Jeremiah 48:11)*

So we pour out the wine of the Spirit to refresh those who have no more hope. Therefore, Pour it out! Build up this Church! Get her ready for the Wedding!

Build up her house! Get ready to Party! Decorate her place so that she shines to those around us. Invite the whole town to the wedding feast of God!

*Are you ready to be invited to that party? Have you been to Jesus?*

*"Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"*  
**"COME JUST AS YOU ARE, HEAR THE SPIRITS CALL. COME RECIEVE, COME BELIEVE, COME AND LIVE FOREVER."**