

WEDDING SEASON



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**Let's take a deep dive into Jesus'
first recorded miracle**

**This is the start of Jesus'
public ministry**

It also fulfills a promise made to Nathanael earlier

John 1:43-51 King James Version

43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

**Remember, Nathanael came to Jesus looking
for excuses not to believe**

He ends up confessing Christ is Lord

Matthew 10:32 King James Version

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 24:27 King James Version

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

John 12:23 King James Version

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

**The disciples are assembled,
and are on the move with Jesus**

**Jesus' promise to Nathanael
will start becoming evident**

John 2:1-2 King James Version

1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

The Bible mentions “the third day”

**→ it appears this takes place 2 days
after
meeting Nathanael**

Jesus and his disciples are invited

**WHENEVER WE ARE INVITED
SOMEWHERE, JESUS IS COMING
WITH US TOO!!!!**

HE'S NOT HOME ALONE!!!!

**WHAT ARE SOME THINGS WE DONT
KNOW ABOUT THE WEDDING?**

We dont know who was getting married

**We dont know their names/ages/any
other details about them**

**We dont know how they were related to
Mary and Jesus**

**WHAT ARE SOME THINGS WE DO
KNOW ABOUT THE WEDDING?**

**Mary plays a major role in the
wedding preparation and festivities**

Weddings in those time were completely different than what we do now

→ They could last up to an entire week!!!

**WHAT DOES THE WEDDING INVITATION
TELL US ABOUT JESUS?**

**He was sociable,
and enjoyed the company of others**

**He wasn't anti-social,
he wanted to help as many as he could**

Matthew 11:19 King James Version

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Luke 7:34 King James Version

34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

Titus 1:8 King James Version

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

1 Peter 4:9 King James Version

9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

**It also shows Jesus honors marriage
between man and woman**

**JESUS HAS TO BE GENUINELY INVITED
INTO A MARRIAGE BEFORE HE CAN
BLESS IT!!!!**

Revelation 3:20 King James Version

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

John 2:3-5 King James Version

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

We previously mentioned Mary's key role in the wedding festivities

Her concern was a social one

An entire week celebration without wine?

What would that mean?

- Everyone would've been upset**
- The marriage couple would've been embarrassed**
- Mary, as the hostess, would've been to blame**

**WEDDINGS ARE GREAT PLACES
FOR PROBLEMS TO HAPPEN!!!**

What's the solution?
She brings it to Jesus, her son

His response seems disrespectful when he says “Woman”

This was actually culturally appropriate for the time period

John 4:21 King James Version

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

John 8:10 King James Version

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

**This was a unique opportunity for Jesus to not
only solve Marys' social problem,
but solve the deeper spiritual one that he was
more concerned about**

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**JESUS BEGINS TO TEACH EVERYONE WHO HE
REALLY IS BY STARTING WITH THE PERSON
WHO MEANS THE MOST TO HIM.....**

HIS MOM!!!!!!

Mary's concerns reflect the concerns of man:

Health/comfort/housing/peace/justice/etc....

**Jesus came to solve those concerns,
as well as the deeper ones:**

Life/happiness/love/satisfaction/completeness/etc....

Verse 5 shows the confidence she has in her son

Even being Jesus' mother, she had no authority to deny/stop him from being what he truly was meant to be!!

**WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE READY TO DO WHAT
JESUS WANTS US TO DO WHEN HE CALLS!!!!**

John 9:4 King James Version

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

John 4:34 King James Version

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

When Christ gives instructions, they will:

- always be in line with his word**
- involve starting where you are**
- involve using something at hand/closeby**
- involve LABOR**
- involve FAITH**
- will demonstrate FAITH TO OTHERS**

John 2:6-8 King James Version

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

**Translations believe a firkin was about
7 1/2 to 9 gallons**

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**HOW WOULD YOU FEEL
IF YOU WERE ONE OF THOSE SERVANTS???**

**These ceremonial jars represent the
OT order associated with Moses
and the ritual cleaning of the Jews**

**Jesus was using them now to show
and prove that he, and he alone,
had that power now**

**THIS IS THE TRANSITION FROM OT
DOCTRINE TO CHRIST
AND HIS AUTHORITY**

Titus 3:5 King James Version

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

James 4:8 King James Version

**8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.
Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your
hearts, ye double minded.**

Revelation 1:5 King James Version

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**Jesus used this opportunity to show he
can not only solve our social needs,
but our spiritual ones as well**

**ALWAYS REMEMBER,
ONLY AFTER WE OBEY HIS COMMANDS,
WILL WE EXPERIENCE HIS AWESOME POWER!!!**

John 20:31 King James Version

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

1 Peter 1:21 King James Version

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

John 2:9-11 King James Version

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

**The servants obey Jesus' commands
(credit to them!)**

What's the result? A miracle performed!!!

Water into GOOD wine

The glory of GOD revealed to everyone in attendance

WAS THE "RULER OF THE FEAST" A BELIEVER?

**WE DONT KNOW FOR SURE,
BUT HE AND EVERYONE ELSE
JUST WITNESSED THE IMPOSSIBLE!!!**

The faith of the disciples was strengthened

→ "believed on him" even more

**Christ has provided all the proof
they needed to believe**

John 3:2 King James Version

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

John 7:31 King James Version

31 And many of the people believed on him, and said,
When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than
these which this man hath done?

John 20:30-31 King James Version

30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

This famous story isn't really about a wedding or turning water into wine has provided all the proof they needed to believe

**Now we understand the true impact
and significance of what it represents**

**INVITE CHRIST INTO YOUR
WEDDING / YOUR FAMILY /
YOUR HOUSEHOLD / YOUR RELATIONSHIPS!!!!**

**OBEY CHRIST WHEN
HE GIVES YOU INSTRUCTIONS!!!!**

**The “ruler of the feast” joked that they
had kept the good wine for last**

**ENJOY CHRIST, BECAUSE HE ALWAYS SAVES
THE BEST FOR LAST!!!!**

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