

John Chapter 2

I The wedding feast at Cana:

First miracle. Signs and wonders. Show power. Done in an out of the way place.

Importance of marriage. Symbol of Bride and Groom. Sanctified.

Mary referred to as “the Mother of Jesus.” Joseph not mentioned. Jesus came in a different way than John the Baptist. John came not eating and drinking in Matthew. Jesus came to celebrate. Those that follow Him feast also.

Problem arises. Mary might be concerned about the bride and groom.

His hour had not yet come. But then He does the miracle. For whose benefit?

V 5: Mary submits and feels He will help. Hoped in His Mercy. She points only to Him. She is no longer involved with the problem. He will be the Way.

V 6-10 : Power over Nature. Substance is changed. Moses’ first miracle is turning water into blood; Jesus’ first miracle is turning water into wine. Law vs Grace. Law is punishment and terror. Grace turns into something better and joyful. Correlation of blood and wine.

Jugs were for ceremonial washing – signs of the Law. Then hold wine which symbolizes joy and also Sacrifice of the New Covenant. Jesus always gives abundantly – very large jars filled to the brims.

Moses was a servant and went to the rock to get water; these servants went to the rock to get wine. The miracle happens immediately after the jars are filled.

No ceremony, no prayer, no ritual. Jesus knows it happened; He doesn't check it first. He wills it to happen.

Wine is drawn out to be used. Just like the gifts. Not to be left where they are.

The servants knew.

Did not stay in Capernaum very long; Passover was at hand.

V 14-17 : this is the first Passover that Jesus is documented is going to. They will be mentioned from now on. First appearance in the Temple in his ministry. Mal 3:1. Purification of the Temple. This is foretold that Malachi 3:2 – 3.

It was to sell animals for the sacrifice if people came from too far away and can bring animals with them. Was not supposed to be in the temple grounds. They probably paid fees to the Levites. This was a holy place where God put his Name. They also sold special coins to pay the temple tax.

Jesus is not complained to the leaders, He takes care of this himself. They had made a business out of the Holy Place. He also gives the reason for what he is doing. This was a sacrilege to the Holy Place and disturbing people that were bringing sacrifice and worshiping.

It was his Father's house therefore He had the authority to purge it. He was the Son of the house. Heb 3:5-6. 2 Samuel 7:13-14 - Messiah would be the Son of the Father's house. He didn't alone and no one resisted.

The disciples remembered Psalm 69:9 (read) – Messiah would have the zeal for His house. David had zeal to build the Temple- I Chronicles 29:2. Also zeal for His house which is the Church.

V 18 : Leaders asked by what authority He did these things. They wanted a sign. The leaders should have been helping Him purify God's House. Jesus answers

with a future sign. He would die and rise. It would prove He is Messiah.
Prophesied in Isaiah 53:5 and Daniel 9:26.

Becomes a stumbling block. Learned people did not understand.

Implies that *they* will destroy His Temple and that *He* will raise it up. He was greater than the Temple. The Temple was where the people met God. He is where we meet God. Immanuel. They looked to the Temple and we look to Him.

Disciples remembered this after He rose. Work of the Spirit. They could not have understood it at the time He said it.