

Wedding in Cana: Jesus Manifested His Glory

John 2:1-11

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³⁰Therefore, many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:30-31)

The Beginning of Jesus' Public Ministry

Inclusios: John 2:1 & 11; and 2:1-11 & 4:46-54 Jesus 1st & 2nd signs recorded in John's Gospel were at Cana in Galilee.

The Party (2:1-2)

¹On the third day – (rounds out the first week of the beginning of Jesus' ministry; see 1:19-28, 29-34, 35-42.43-51; 2:1 includes travel days)

there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, (Cana: around 8 miles north of Nazareth – only mentioned in John's Gospel – 2:1; 11; 4:46; 21:2 where we find out that Nathaniel is from Cana in Galilee).

and the mother of Jesus was there;

Mary is never mentioned by name in John's Gospel and is only found in 2:1, 12, 6:42; 19:25-27

²and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

The Problem (2:3-4)

³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, they have no wine.

⁴And Jesus said to her, Woman,

Woman – not a term of disrespect (see 19:26; also 20:13) but used here to indicate that now there is a distancing in their relationship. Mary can no longer presume upon their mother & son relationship. Jesus

what does that have to do with us?

Lit. “what to me and to you?” (Jdg. 11:12; 2 Sam.16:10)

Used by demons addressing Jesus – Matt. 8:29; Mark 1:24; 5:7; Luke 4:34; 8:28 – “The tone is not rude but it is certainly abrupt.”

Jesus’ focus is on fulfilling the purpose for which He was sent. (4:32-34; 5:30; 8:29)

My hour has not yet come.

Refers to Jesus’ suffering, death on the cross and His being glorified by the Father (7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 17:1) and the consequences resulting from it (5:28-29).

The Provision (2:5-10)

⁵His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do it.

⁶Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty to thirty gallons each.

⁷Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. So they filled them up to the brim,

John 1:16-17

⁸And He said to them, Draw some out now and take it to the head waiter. So they took it to him.

⁹When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from, (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom, ¹⁰and said to him, Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine, but you have kept the good wine until now.

The Purpose (2:11)

¹¹This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee,

and He manifested His glory,

John 1:14

and His disciples believed in Him.

John 20:30-31

Transition Verse

¹²After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days.

Application

Seeing Jesus' glory in the Gospel

Some believe – 2:11;

Some don't believe – 12:37

Some believe but because of fear do not confess Him publically – 12:42-43