

Beginning of Miracles

John 2:1-11

1 ¶ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." 4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." 6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" 11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

Jesus has the first of his disciples and he has left Judea along the Jordan where John is baptizing and has gone to a wedding in an insignificant village in Galilee. And because there is a need their by the wedding party, Jesus performs His first miracle. It is a simple story but filled with blessings for us if we will only look into them.

- I. The occasion of the miracle.
 - A. It was a wedding.
 1. Weddings back then were much different than today.
 - a. The couple has probably been betrothed to each other for about a year.
 - b. The wedding was more of a feast than a ceremony.
 - c. It could last a week, which would very expensive to entertain people and feed them for such a long period of time.
 - d. Several of Jesus' parables involved weddings, most often call the wedding feast.
 2. But why a wedding.
 - a. Jesus was not surprised that He had ended up at this wedding any more than He was surprised that they had run out of wine.
 - b. Jesus knew all things and by being here knew that this would be His first miracle.

3. He did it to empathize and honor marriage as a sacred institution.
 - a. Marriage is a God ordained institution originated at the dawn of humanity.
 - b. It is the basis of a stable society.
 - c. It is the only thing that assures the continuation of civilization.
 - d. And that makes it the subject of Satanic attack down through the ages.
 - e. Without biblical families, the government and the schools will never be able to raise children.
- B. So Jesus sets apart marriage to be blessed with His first miracle.
1. Jesus would later quote the book of Genesis in regards to marriage, divorce and families.
 2. Matthew 19:3 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" 4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 "and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."
- C. Today marriage is under attack as never before.
1. In California a state legislator said that allowing the populace determine that homosexual marriage to be illegal instead of leaving it to the legislator was equal to mob rule. Strange we used to call that democracy. A government of the people, by the people, and for the people.
 2. Let me tell you what we are in for in this country.
 - a. Homosexual marriage will become the law of the land just like killing babies legally has become.
 - b. Even now, in the wings, there are those waiting for that shoe to fall so they can sue for polygamy.
 - c. And then will come group marriage. How could we deny these six people from being married to one another in such a loving relationship.
 - d. I do not want to get on my hobby horse but let me say one thing more. The government has done more to destroy the nuclear family in this country than any thing else in our society. The government

does not have the answer, they are part of the problem and has been for almost 50 years.

- D. But God's view on marriage has not changed, and not likely to any time soon.
- II. The need met by the miracle.
- A. They had run out of wine.
 - 1. It could have been because they were poor or had not planned properly.
 - 2. It could have been because Jesus and His disciple showed up, although the text says they were invited ahead of time.
 - B. Since the feast was to last several days, running out of wine was considered a disgrace.
 - C. But the amount of wine Jesus makes was more than enough and was no doubt a great wedding gift for the couple that could be later sold to get them started well.
- III. The miracle.
- A. I define a miracle as whenever something happens that cannot happen.
 - B. But with God all things are possible for nothing is too hard for the Lord.
 - C. Jesus turns about 90 gallons of water into wine.
 - 1. Not only wine, but the best wine.
- IV. The result of the miracle.
- A. The disciples begin to get a glimpse of the glory of Jesus Christ.
 - 1. Just days before Jesus had told Nathanael that he would see greater miracles.
 - B. These miracles were meant to produce and substantiate faith.
 - 1. As a matter of fact John never refers to Jesus miracles as miracles.
 - 2. He refers to them as signs.
 - 3. Signs that Jesus was the Messiah.
 - C. Don't look for miracles, signs today.
 - 1. Jesus has already proved who He is.
 - 2. It is now time for us to accept His testimony.