

The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Three

The Miracle of Turning Water into Wine

Text: John 2:1-11

I. The Miracle

- A. There is a natural process by which water is turned into wine.
 - 1. Water falls as rain and is then absorbed by the roots of the grape vine.
 - 2. The vine transports the water, in the form of sap, to the grape where it becomes juice or wine (cf. Isaiah 65:8).
- B. However, Jesus performs a miracle by overpowering the laws of nature and turning water into wine immediately, without the use of the natural process.
- C. Jesus, His mother and His disciples were invited to a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee.
 - 1. Note that Jesus took part in the social events of life – He was neither a hermit nor a monk, isolated from the world.
 - 2. Also, consider that by His actions, Jesus gives His approval and endorsement of marriage.
 - 3. Jesus should be invited to every wedding and be a part of every home.
- D. These celebrations usually lasted seven days, depending upon the financial situation of the hosts.
- E. On this occasion, the hosts of the party ran out of wine.
- F. So, Jesus performed His first miracle and turned about 20 gallons of water into pure, perfect grape juice.
 - 1. Keep in mind that the word “wine” in the New Testament does not imply fermentation.
 - 2. The word can refer simply to grape juice.
 - 3. The context determines whether or not it is alcoholic.
 - 4. Had Jesus created intoxicating wine He would have violated numerous passages of Scripture (Habakkuk 2:15; Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35; Luke 12:45; 21:34; Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 5:11; 6:10; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:18; 1 Pet. 4:3-4; etc.).

II. What the Miracle Teaches about Jesus

- A. His glory – *power demonstrates deity* (cf. Hebrews 1:1-3)
- B. His benevolence (Acts 10:38; Hebrews 7:26)
- C. His perfection – *He created the best wine* (Hebrews 5:8-9; 1 Peter 2:21; John 10:10; 1 Peter 3:10-12; John 14:1ff)

III. What the Miracle Teaches Us

- A. Have faith in Him (vs. 3-5) – *Just like His mother did*
- B. Obey Him (vs. 5-8) – *Just like the servants did*

- C. Never disappointed in Him (vs. 9-10) – *Jesus always does best*
- D. There is a time to work (John 9:4; 2 Cor. 6:2; 1 Cor. 15:58; Heb. 10:25).
- E. Do not pray to Mary!
 - 1. When she asked Jesus to do something, He rebuked her (vs. 4).
 - 2. Yet, the Catholic Church teaches that if we pray to Mary, she will take our requests to Jesus and He will not refuse her.
 - 3. We are to pray to the Father through the Son (John 16:23).