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The Wine Miracle

John 2:1-11 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They have no more wine."⁴ "Woman, why does this concern us?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."⁶ Now six stone water jars had been set there for the Jewish rites of purification. Each could hold from twenty to thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim.⁸ "Now draw some out," He said, "and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not know where it was from, but the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, "Everyone serves the fine wine first, and then the cheap wine after the guests are drunk. But you have saved the fine wine until now!"¹¹ Jesus performed this, the first of His signs, at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. This was the third day after the **calling** of His first disciples. V. 1
- B. Mary, Jesus's mother, is there and she seems to be someone of **importance** to the wedding party. V. 2, 5
- C. Mary **informed** Jesus that they were out of wine. V.3
- D. Mary **believed** that Jesus had the ability to remedy the situation but Jesus had reservations. V.4
- E. Mary **instructed** the servants to obey whatever Jesus told them to do. V. 5
- F. There were stone jars there that were used in **purification** services. V. 6
- G. Jesus **ordered** the servants to fill the jars up with water and to take some to the master of the banquet. V. 7-8
- H. The water had been turned into **expensive** wine. V. 9-10
- I. This was the first of Jesus's **miracles** that he did in Cana in Galilee. V. 11
- J. This strengthened the **faith** of His disciples. V. 11

II. What can we learn from this passage?

- A. **Discipleship** is a lifelong calling.
- B. Family must never take precedence over our **relationship** with God.
- C. Christians hold different **views** on what is permissible for a Christian to indulge in.
Romans 14:19-23 So then, let us pursue what leads to peace and to mutual edification.²⁰ Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a man to let his eating be a stumbling block.²¹ It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything to cause your brother to stumble.

²²Keep your belief about such matters between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves. ²³But the one who has doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and everything that is not from faith is sin. (NIV)

D. God is not **bound** by the laws of nature.

E. There is a strong connection between **faith** and God working among a people.

Mark 6:54-56 Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is without honor only in his hometown, among his relatives, and in his own household.” ⁵⁵So He could not perform any miracles there, except to lay His hands on a few of the sick and heal them. ⁵⁶And He was amazed at their unbelief. (BSB)