

- I. **Theological Prologue (1:1-18)**
- II. **Presentation of Jesus (1:19-4:54)**
 - A. **By John the Baptist (1:19-34)**
 - B. **By the first Disciples of Jesus (1:35-51)**
 - C. **At The Wedding in Cana (one weeklong festival) First miracle, create/produce**

1. **The setting (v.1-2)**

- a. **The third day.** Sovereign time clock. Plan of redemption is on schedule. God's orderly system of historical events.
- b. **Wedding attendees:** Mary had some official function of service. Jesus was a guest because He was Mary's Son, with his disciples (5). If Jesus reigns in a marriage the family will be blessed. Some problems will be prevented and some will be solved. All will be overcome!
- c. **Marriage.** First institution of God. God pays attention to God ordained institutions. Marriage is still intact at the beginning of the age of Grace.
- d. **In Cana of Galilee.** Small town; a distant geography from the Temple in Jerusalem. North of Nazareth. 10-15 miles west of Galilee. Reminds us that the King of Kings, Lion of Judah was born in a manger. Lowly & Meek!

Jesus was
people
oriented

2. **The Need (v.3-4)**

- a. **Resource Problem.** Serious issue by the groom and his family. Responsibility for the adequate supply needed to accommodate the guests. Legal action possible. Stigma. Possible social catastrophe.
- b. **Mary intervened.** She turned to Jesus. He was only a guest! Why Him?
- c. **"What to me and to you?"** Greek idiom. Altered relationship. From mother/son to God / man; and Savior / Sinner. Magnificat Luke 1:46-55. (magnify, Latin), Mary's Song. "My soul magnifies the Lord." Not to magnify Mary, but the Lord! The idolatrous Mother and son worship has its roots in the ancient Babylonian religious cultic system. Semiramis and Tammuz. (Ez.8:14; Jer. 44:17-19 Queen of Heaven)
- d. **My hour.** The Redemptive Time Clock ticking. God's schedule.

Joseph may be
dead. Jesus was
head of
household?

3. **The Solution (v. 5-9)**

- a. Mary told the servants to follow Jesus' order.
- b. Six waterpots. 2-3 firkins each. (One firkin = 8 7/8 gal.) 20 – 30 gallons. (120-180 gallons.) 30 trips with a 5 gallon bucket to a well. Some sweat by men. Jesus could have just created wine EX-NIHILLO. (from nothing).

Purify
cleanse
meet the need

Often there are human participation as in the multiplication of the loaves. The Disciples handed out the bread.

- c. Water pots were normally used for Jewish purification practices.
 - d. Jesus gave the order now. Divine precepts. Fill, and draw, and serve the MC. Jesus required BRIM FULL obedience by lowly servants at the feast. The servants received enlightenment due to obedience. They knew where the wine came from. The Governor did not know where the wine came from. Obedience (walking in the Spirit) is a vital key to spiritual knowledge and understanding. Disobedience produces spiritual dunces. (Butler Commentary).
4. **The New Wine (v.9-10)**
- a. The MC's commendation of the Bridegroom.
 - b. Best wine at the end. (Law / Grace; Stale Judaism / Living Christianity)
 - c. What about this "WINE?" "Does His making water into wine sanction social drinking today? The answer to both of these questions is a firm "No." Our wines today are far different than the wine made by Christ. Many ingredients are added to the wine of today to make it an entirely different drink than the wine of Christ's day." (Analytical Bible Expositor – John.)
 - d. Please go to NMBC Sermon Link <http://northmesabc.com/biblical-seperation.html> "Spiritual Progress in 2017 Part 2" for Pastor Kent's message on Christians and alcohol.
5. **The First Sign (v.11) Authenticated HIS DEITY. GOD-MAN (John 20:30-31)**
- a. In miracles Jesus often involved men. The disciples handed out bread. These servants filled the water pots.
 - b. Moses turned water into blood. (Judgment), Jesus turned water into delicious juice. (JOY)
 - c. Disciples believed on Him. Grew in their faith.
 - d. End result: the Son was glorified, need was met, faith was strengthened.
 - e. What about MIRACLES? What are biblical miracles? How is this term used today?
 - f. Look at Acts 2:22
 - g. δύναμις "Power" (supernatural, beyond the laws of nature)
 - h. τέρας "Wonders" (Cause extreme astonishment)
 - i. σημεῖον "Sign" (Points to something or someone)
6. **Miracles vs. Sovereign Providence.** See next lesson "**Truth about Miracles**"