

Jesus Manifests His Glory

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Jesus begins His ministry by performing the first of many signs at a wedding in Cana on the third day. Through this miracle, He manifested His glory (v.11) as the sovereign ruler of the material universe and also as the merciful God who provides abundantly for His people. In this same chapter, Jesus also reveals His zeal for the things of the Lord, which is the context for predicting the greatest of His signs; namely, His resurrection from the dead on the third day. Both events remind us that these signs were given so that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

I. Read John 2:1-11 and answer the following questions.

- A. By way of reminder, what was John's purpose in writing this gospel (John 20:30-31)?

- B. What general observations do you make about the miracle at the wedding in Cana (vv.1-11)?

- C. What "hour" is Jesus referring to when He says, "My hour has not yet come"? The following verses may be helpful as you answer that question (John 7:30; 8:30; 12:23-27; 13:1; 17:1).

- D. What does it mean (symbolically) that they ran out of wine (v.3) and what does it demonstrate about Jesus that He turns 120-180 gallons of water (quantity) into the finest wine ever (quality)?

- E. What does the first sign teach us about Jesus?

II. Read John 2:12-22 and answer the following questions.

- A. What stands out to you about Jesus' behavior in these verses?

- B. Do you notice any repeated words or phrases? What are they and how are they important?

- C. What sign does Jesus tell the Jews that He will give them (vv.18-21)?

- D. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' declaration?

III. Read John 2:23-25 and answer the following questions.

- A. What do we learn about the Jews and their response to Jesus in verses 23-25?

- B. As you evaluate your own heart before the Lord, in what ways are you responding with true heartfelt faith and in what ways are you just going through the motions?