

## THE FIRST MIRACLE

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*The first miracle that Jesus performed of turning the water into wine, is also a metaphor for salvation. This is also the first miracle we receive that gives us eternal life... the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It was common for Jesus to use parables and metaphors and a wise person will realize that such treasures are hidden away in numerous places in the gospels. Understanding these truths is a great blessing and a rich source of knowledge and wisdom.*

***This is only a limited exposition of the many parallels revealed within this prophetic, real life metaphor.***

**JOH 2:1** And the **third day** there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

*Jesus was raised on the third day... there are three that agree, the water the Spirit and the blood... the church will meet the bride at the third age.*

**2** And both Jesus was called, **and his disciples** (includes us), to the **marriage**. Jesus was the first to receive the anointing of the spirit (to drink the wine); after this all his disciples including us and the rest of the world, are invited to the wedding feast.

**3** And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, **They have no wine** (don't have the Spirit). The mother of Jesus certainly knew who to ask for wine.

**4** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? **mine hour is not yet come**. This verse reveals the hidden intention of Christ's metaphor. When asked for wine, Jesus immediately makes reference to his future death... which would lead to the wine/Holy Spirit becoming available. He had no doubt to the significance of his first miracle that he was about to perform.

**5** His mother saith unto the servants, **Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it**. Obey Jesus, he has told us what to do to be saved; what to do to get the Holy Spirit... he told his disciples to wait for the comforter... the spirit to indwell them... this happened at Pentecost.

**6** And there were set there **six** waterpots of stone, after the **manner of the purifying** of the Jews, containing **two or three** firkins apiece (1 firkin equals 41 litres... total of pots approx 15 firkin, 615litres). Six represents the number for 'man under sin'... the water pots are earthen vessel representing our bodies. The numbers 2 and 3, represent Division (2) and the Godhead (3) we are divided/separate from God but when the wine (spirit) comes in it brings us back to the Father. The content of the urns was used for purifying... the new content does a permanent job. Other references to purifying. **JOH 11:55** And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, **to purify themselves**. The sprinkling of the blood on the door posts (the Passover), was significant of Jesus shed blood which will cover us from the angel of death.

**7** Jesus saith unto them, **Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim**. These pots were never used to put wine in, but simply to keep "water" in for the various purposes of cleaning. The woman at the well is another metaphor using the same principle. **JOH 4:10** Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the **gift of God**, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee **living water**. This is the Holy Spirit... the new wine. Also known as 'living water'... water that has been changed.

**8** And he saith unto them, **Draw out now**, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

**9** When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, **and knew not whence it was**: (but the **servants which drew the water knew**;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, *The change had taken place, the spirit had entered into the vessels (the bodies), those without the understanding are amazed at how it happened... 'he knew not whence it was'.* So it is for everyone that is born of the Spirit, but we his servants who draw people to Jesus we know how they receive the Spirit. Just like this other reference... **JOH 3:8** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, **but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth**: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. *The witnesses of the event know the truth.*

**10** And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: **but thou hast kept the good wine until now**. Saved the best till last. Jesus brought in the New Testament to replace the Old.

**11** This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; **and his disciples believed on him**.

*The wine must be poured out, we must share the experience of the Holy Spirit with others, then we must drink together by fellowshiping and walking in the Spirit looking for the coming marriage (the return of Christ).*

**\*\*** *The wine referred to was the pure juice of the grape. It was not brandied wine, nor drugged wine, nor wine compounded of various substances, such as we drink in this land. The common wine drunk in Palestine was that which was the simple juice of the grape.*