

Sermon Outline

WATER INTO WINE ... | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: John 2:1-12 (p. 1511)

Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ...

Jn 1:29 "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"

Jn 1:50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. **You will see greater things than that.**"⁵¹ He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

1. The problem with the wedding (vv1-5)

Jn 2:1 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 was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

- "on the third day" ...

- "my **hour** has yet come" (24x in John)

2. The incredible solution that Jesus provides (vv6-10)

Jn 2:6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out 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 realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

- quantity, quality, cellaring

Q. How are we moderns meant to think about miracles?

everyone has presuppositions ...

Recommended reading: CS Lewis, *Miracles* (1947)

3. The meaning of the miracle (vv11-12)

Jn 2:11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

i. Jesus performs signs to reveal His glory ...

John's Gospel	
The Book of Signs (Jn 1-12)	The Book of Glory (Jn 13-21)

Jn 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his **glory**, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jn 2:11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the *signs* through which he revealed his **glory**; and his disciples believed in him.

Jn 20:30 Jesus performed many other *signs* in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

For Homework: find all 7 signs in John 1-12, and then ask "what do they say about who Jesus is?"

ii. The particular significance of water-into-wine ...

- "jars used for ceremonial washing"

*What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*