

# BEGINNING OF MIRACLES

## JOHN 2:1-11

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Introduction:

A miracle cannot be explained merely by man's intellect or scientific effort. There are about thirty-five different miracles of Christ given in the gospel records. In these miracles we see Christ's power over nature, sickness, demons, and death. As we see our miracle working Savior, our faith is increased.

Notice in this miracle:

### **1. THE MASTER**

#### **A. The Circumstances**

A wedding - Always a huge social event those days. The celebration could last as long as a week.) We are not told who is getting married, but it is probably some close kinsman to Jesus. It may be a brother, a sister, a cousin, etc. I say that because it seems to have been someone of close relation because Mary is involved in the festivities.

Christ presence at this wedding indicates His approval of the divine institution of marriage.

If this scene teaches us anything, it tells us that Jesus chose to participate in this common, routine, everyday event. Jesus isn't just for Sunday! He desires, and deserves to be included in all of life.

## B. The Call

Jesus is here by invitation! Someone possessed the forethought and thoughtfulness to call Jesus to this event.

Lesson:

Never be guilty of attempting to exclude Jesus from any areas of your life. By virtue of His sacrifice for us at Calvary, He deserves inclusion in all we are and in all we do.

## C. The Consideration

Notice that when He was called, Jesus came! In all the events of life, the child of God need never fear Jesus not coming to the aid! He cares and when we call, He will answer us and move in our need.

# 2. THE MIRACLE

## A. Problem

***John 2:3***

*<sup>3</sup> And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.*

Sometime, during these festivities, they ran out of wine. This doesn't sound like much of a problem to us, but to the Jews, it could be ruinous! First, it was a matter of honor. The bridegroom was responsible for providing adequate supplies. If something ran out before the party was concluded, it simply meant that he hadn't planned well and hadn't provided for all of his guests. Secondly, to run out of wine would cause public embarrassment for the groom and his family. Thirdly, in some instances, the offending family could even be fined. Therefore, this was a problem of considerable size to these people.

Illustration:

Life doesn't always go as we had planned it! There are times when problems arise and troubles come our way.

## B. The Procedure

### ***John 2:3-5***

<sup>3</sup> *And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.* <sup>4</sup> *Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.* <sup>5</sup> *His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.*

In this time of trouble, Mary shows us just what we need to do when troubles arise in our lives. She gives us 2 steps that we should always take in the troublesome times of life.

- Go to Jesus

When the problem arose, Mary took it to the Lord. This is exactly what we need to do.

- Follow His Commands

This is the only command ever issued by Mary in all the Bible. For those who feel that Mary is to be revered, adored, worshiped and obeyed, this is excellent advice! Just do as Jesus says!

### C. His Performance

Jesus took the commonplace and made it extraordinary! He can change any situation if He is given the opportunity to do so.

His Performance Was:

- Unconventional

Jesus won't always run on your track! He will move in your situation, but He may not do it your way.

- Uncommon (vs. 10)

#### ***John 2:10***

<sup>10</sup> *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.*

The governor of the feast is surprised at the quality of this new wine. It was an uncommon thing.

- Unbelievable

Note;

- Christ used servants
  1. These servants above and beyond.  
They filled the barrels to the brim
  2. They also knew that these pots were used for water and that there was no wine at all in them.
  3. Those who cooperate with Christ in His work know things others do not have the insight to know.
- That which Christ gave was the best.
  1. All that the world offers is the very best it will ever be at the beginning.
  2. For the believer the best is yet to come.

Note not only the Master and the Miracle but not last the result from this Miracle.

### **3. THE MANIFESTATION OF HIS GLORY**

The great outcome was not the need being supplied.

The great result was:

A. That His disciples believed on Him.

They had already believed in Him and now their faith has grown as they saw the miracle. They moved from faith to faith.

Close:

What I want you to take home with you from this message is this: Jesus is tied to the events of your life. He is not just some remote supernatural being who is totally removed from our need. He cares about the smallest details of your life.