THE GRACIOUS SIGN John 2:1-12



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Jesus starts his public ministry shortly after He calls some young disciples to follow Him. He actually takes time out of his messianic schedule to attend a wedding with his friends. This may seem strange, but Jesus starts off by revealing His character toward us: humbly willing to help and serve others.

John 2:1-12

"On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. 12 After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

- The Problem: "They have no <u>WINE</u>" = Social <u>SHAME</u> for a Marriage (v 1-5)
- We come to <u>JESUS</u> with our <u>PROBLEMS</u>. (v 3-4)

"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:19**

- We INSTRUCT others to TRUST in Jesus. (v 5)
- The Solution: Only God can <u>CREATE</u> from <u>NOTHING</u> (v 6-11)

"On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. **7** And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. **8** He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken." **Isaiah 25:6-8**

1. Jesus CARES about YOU and ME.

- 2. Jesus <u>COVERS</u> our Shame and Brings <u>JOY</u>.
- 3. Jesus's Sign was <u>PERSONAL</u> for His <u>DISCIPLES</u>.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.