

MIRACLES & MEANING: TURNING WATER INTO WINE

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RECAP ON MIRACLES

Miracle: When the God breaks into the time & space to interfere with the natural.

There are natural miracles and supernatural miracles.

There are five primary reasons/deeper meanings for miracles:

- 1/ Miracles may produce faith in believers and unbelievers.
- 2/ Miracles may confirm and promote a heavenly message.
- 3/ Miracles may display God's power and superiority.
- 4/ Miracles may communicate God's care and concern.
- 5/ Miracles may fulfill God's purposes.

SCRIPTURE

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 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 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." This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him. After this He went down to Capernaum, with His mother and His brothers and His disciples, and they stayed there for a few days. John 2:1-12, ESV

THIS FIRST MIRACLE IS AT A WEDDING.

1/ The miracle is affirming the holy union of marriage.

2/ The miracle is announcing the coming Kingdom.

THIS FIRST MIRACLE IS PRIVATE.

- 1/ The miracle is done privately to emphasize the personal nature of Jesus' ministry.
- 2/ The miracle is done privately to ensure God's timing is not violated.

THIS FIRST MIRACLE INVOLVES WINE.

- 1/ The miracle is representing the joy that Christ brings.
- 2/ The miracle is representing the superiority that Christ brings.

THIS FIRST MIRACLE INCLUDES SERVANTS

- 1/ The miracle is communicating God's desire for human partnership.
- 2/ The miracle is communicating God's desire for human obedience.

THIS FIRST MIRACLE HAS POWER TODAY.

- 1/ The miracle affirms that Jesus is Lord over creation.
- 2/ The miracle offends modern-secular thinking.
- 3/ The miracle reminds us that Christ cares for our concerns.
- 4/ The miracle stirs our faith in Christ.
- 5/ The miracle whets our appetite for more of His glory.

May God increase our capacity to receive more miracles!