

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

Miracle #1 – Jesus Turns Water to Wine

- **John 2:1-3**

The wedding was in Cana of Galilee, a small town about 4 miles from Nazareth where Jesus had grown up and basically lived for 30 years. It is of significance that the scripture says "And the third day . . ." Just three days before this wedding, Jesus had been baptized by John and identified by the Holy Spirit as the Son of God.

- **John 1:32-34**

It is also of note that Jesus announced to His disciples that upon His crucifixion, death and burial that He would rise again on the third day.

- **Luke 18:31-33**

The earthly ministry of Jesus begins with a wedding and human history will end with a wedding. Revelation tells us that human history will conclude with the marriage feast of the Lamb (Jesus) and His bride (wife) which is the church. The church will consist of all the faithful believers and followers of God since the beginning of time.

- **Revelation 19:6-9**

Wine in the Old Testament was viewed somewhat ambivalently. For weddings wine was diluted with water. Three parts water and one part wine. In its undiluted form wine was a strong drink and was condemned as a source of drunkenness.

- **Proverbs 20:1**

Wine was also a symbol of joy and fasting.

- **Amos 9:13-14**

The significance of the first miracle having to do with wine is given in the Lord's Supper when Jesus served wine symbolic of the blood of Jesus.

- **I Corinthians 11:23-25**
- **John 2:4-7**

When Mary inferred that Jesus should do something about the wine having given out, Jesus set the stage for His ministry to officially begin. He said according to the Contemporary Bible – ***“Mother, my time hasn’t yet come.”*** What Jesus was saying is that once He performed His first miracle, He would reveal who He was and His life would begin moving to fulfill His purpose and His destiny. He would then spend the next three years in preparation for the cross of crucifixion.

He would begin to make known that He is not only the **“Son”** of man, but the **“Son”** of God.

As God would have it to be, this miracle set the direction of His life toward Calvary. Water pots were filled with water to symbolize purification. The miracle at Cana was for the expressed purpose of transitioning from the Old Testament level of purity to the New Testament level of fulfillment. It was water in the Old Testament, but wine in the New Testament. Wine symbolizes the blood of Jesus. Whereas water was the cleansing agent in the Old Testament; the blood of Jesus, symbolized by the wine, is the cleaning agent in the New Testament.

- **John 2:8-11**

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