



Correspondent's Corner

Jesus' First Miracle

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It was in these early days of the Lord's public ministry that we find the little family of Mary and Jesus and all his brothers and sisters were invited to a wedding. It is apparent from chapter one that Jesus had already

chosen quite a few of those who would end up being his disciples. So Mary, having come to the wedding, found out after a while that they had run out of wine for the wedding; there just wasn't enough to be found anywhere. When she brought this to the attention of the Lord Jesus, his response at first appears to be, "I don't want to be involved." So Mary told the servants to do whatever the Lord told them. The Lord initiated instructions for the servants to get some pots, and fill them with water, which they did promptly. The Lord didn't call everybody from the wedding around to see what would happen. He was preparing to do his first miracle, as the Bible tells us. So the six water pots were there, full of water, and the Lord told the servants to take some of the wine and give it to the master of ceremonies. When the master of ceremonies tasted the wine, he immediately took it to the groom, and asked him, "Why have you kept the good wine until now?" The groom didn't know who had turned the water into the wine, but the whole group of people came to understand that it was Jesus alone who had turned the six jugs of water into wine, and it was good wine! So a marriage that was about to be spoiled by a lack of wine was saved by the quiet man whose miracle had caused many to think about what Jesus must have done.

It is amazing that though Jesus asked for the servants to fill the water pots and prepare everything, it was he alone who just must have spoken the word, and the water became wine.

This beginning of miracles of which Jesus would do hundreds, maybe thousands before he died, in service to men's need, shows us plainly that he is God's Son from heaven. The greatest work that Jesus did was his giving of his life for all who need salvation.

The couple's wedding was rescued from a disaster. In the end everyone knew it was Jesus who turned the water into wine. It was just the beginning of about three and a half years that Jesus spent healing and preaching and eventually laying down his life for our sins.

In the account of this story, we read that his disciples were encouraged and exercised a deeper faith that they had. There would be many different people that Jesus helped in whatever need they had. He had compassion on any who had a need. He loved the children and his friends and had been invited to this wedding because people knew he would be happy to come. In

this first miracle, Jesus didn't try to exalt himself, or make it something that drew attention to him. When the people found out that it was Jesus that changed the water into wine, they would never forget what happened on that day. It appears that he did the miracle back in the back room, hidden from everyone's view. But eventually the word got around.

In John chapter 2:11 we read: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him."

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