

**Jesus Christ: Lord of Life
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["I believe in miracles, but the greatest miracle is the transformation of souls." - Adrian Rogers]

[Seven Miracles Recorded in the book of John - The purpose for the seven miracles recorded in John (John 20.30-31)

[John 20:30-31 ³⁰ And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: ³¹ But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.]

[That you might believe and have life.]

A. The Setting of the miracle (vs 1) [- *And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:*]

1. **A Wedding Celebration** [- It took place at a wedding.]

["Jesus never broke up a feast, but He often broke up a funeral." - Adrian Rogers]

["Jesus is not a cosmic killjoy, but he came that we might have life." - Adrian Rogers]

2. **A Wonder of Common folk** [- The bible does not record the names of the bride and groom. Therefore, they were not significant people. Jesus loves ordinary people.]

["Jesus is interested in everyone, every day, in every ordinary circumstance." - Adrian Rogers]

["Jesus has a way of turning the monotonous into the momentous." - Adrian Rogers]

["He is the Lord that cares about those things that concern you." - Adrian Rogers]

B. The Symbolism of the miracle (vs 6) [*– And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.*]

1. **The Wine (vs 3; Psalm 104.15; John 15.11)** [*– And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. - Wine is a symbol of joy and teaching.*]

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[This probably was not intoxicating wine - The bible warns against such.]

[*Proverbs 23:31-32*³¹ *Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, **when it moveth itself aright.** [What alcohol appears to do in a glass]*³² *At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.*]

[*"Intoxication is Satan's substitute for Jesus Joy."* - Adrian Rogers]

2. **The Earthen Jars (vs 6)** [*– And there were set there **six waterpots of stone**, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. - Six stone Water Jars.*]

[**Six is the number of man.** These Jars were made of the earth, just as mankind is. These Water jars picture mankind.]

3. **The Tradition (vs 7; Mark 7.1-6)** [*– Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.*]

[*Mark 7:1-6*¹ *Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.*² *And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.*³ *For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, **holding the tradition of the elders.***⁴ *And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.*⁵ *Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples **according to the tradition of the elders**, but eat bread with unwashen hands?*⁶ *He answered and said unto them, Well hath*

*Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, **This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.***]

[The elders of the Jews would wash their hands and arms nine times, **not for cleanliness but for tradition.**]

[These water pots represented the traditional religion of the people.]

[They represent man with religion and yet without reality.]

4. **The Fulfillment** (vs 7; Matt 5.17) [- *Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. - Jesus had the water pots filled to the brim.*]

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[Jesus came to fulfill all righteousness (Matt 5.17).]

[Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.]

[Every jot and every tittle.]

5. **The Drawing** (vs 8; John 4.13-14) [- *And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. - Draw out and bear to the governor.*]

[Where did they draw from? The water pots? No, they drew from the well, which now provided wine.

- [The pots held only stagnant water.]
- [Jesus gives us living water, full of joy (John 4.13-14)]

*[John 4:13-14 ¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: ¹⁴ But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; **but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.***]

[Jesus was indicating that now that all was fulfilled you only need the well.]

6. **The Presentation (vs 8)** [- *And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. - The wine Jesus made.*]

[The wine they had at the beginning of the feast was their best, but it was inferior.]

[Jesus is the well and what He provides is the best. Jesus is a well of joy. Not only by quality, but by endless quantity.]

[By this miracle Jesus is demonstrating John 10.10 and indicates that He is the source of abundant life.]

*[John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, **and that they might have it more abundantly.**]*

[Through Jesus we have:]

- 1) [Abundant Pardon (Neh 9.17; Isa 55.7).]

*[Nehemiah 9:17 . . . but thou art a God **ready to pardon**, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.]*

*[Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, **for he will abundantly pardon.**]*

- 2) [Abundant Provision (Eph 3.20)]

[Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,]

- C. The Secret of the miracle (vs 3-5)** [- *And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. ⁴ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. ⁵ His mother saith unto the*

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servants, **Whatever he saith unto you, do it.** – What made this miracle possible?]

1. **Obedience** (vs 5)[- . . . **Whatever he saith unto you, do it.**]

["Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey."]

2. **Observance** [- Why should you learn instant, glad, free, full obedience toward Jesus?]

• **For your Good** (vs 7-9; Amos 3.7; John 15.15) [- *Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.* ⁸ *And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.* ⁹ *When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, **and knew not whence it was:** (but the servants which drew the water **knew;**) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, - Servants know secrets. Servants know things that other people do not know.]*

• **For their Gladness** (vs 10) [- *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. - When these servants obeyed Jesus **everyone at the feast was blessed.** When our Lord does a miracle He generally does it through people.]*

• **For His Glory** (vs 11; Luke 6.46) [- *This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, **and manifested forth his glory;** and his disciples believed on him. - His glory was manifested when people obeyed Him.]*

D. The Significance of this miracle [- Jesus is in the transformation business (Romans 12.1-2).]

[He transformed worthless water into sparkling wine.]

[He transforms people.]

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["Nature forms us, Sin deforms us, Education informs us, penitentiaries reform us, But Jesus transforms us." - Adrian Rogers]

["The one that can turn water into wine can Radically transform any heart that will come to him." - Adrian Rogers]

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