

The Gospel According to John

“A Wedding for the Ages”

John 2:1-11



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On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there;
and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.
When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him,
“They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her,
“Woman, what does that have to do with us?
My hour has not yet come.”
His mother said to the servants,
“Whatever He says to you, do it.”

John 2:6-8

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Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” So they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” So they took it to him.

John 2:9-11

When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom, and said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now.”

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Main Idea

At a simple wedding in Cana,
Jesus manifested His glory as the
LORD of all creation, as *the* Provision
for purification, and as the
Bridegroom of the ages.

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John 1:1-3

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Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.

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On the third day the LORD of all creation made the vine upon which the grapes would grow.

LORD of All Creation

The third day

From the vine to wine

It is the LORD who turns water into wine!

Leviticus 26:4

“...then I shall give you rains in their season,
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It is the LORD God who gives water,
and with it, produces grapes.

Genesis 27:28

“Now may God give you of the dew of heaven,
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This is water turned into wine!

The LORD of all creation has been
turning water into wine since
the creation of grapes.

John 2:7-9

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The Provision for Purification

Six stone jars of water

John 2:6

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Jewish purification customs...

Mark 7:3-4

For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, thus observing the traditions of the elders; and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the washing of cups and pitchers and copper pots.

The Jews had many rites of purification that involved washing with water, but these were all external acts that were wholly insufficient for true purification.

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Blood of the Vine to the brim

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What was Jesus referring to?

Jesus' Hour

John 7:30

So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because **His hour had not yet come.**

John 12:27

“Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say,
‘Father, save Me from **this hour**’?
But **for this purpose I came to this hour.**”

This was the hour for Jesus,
the living Vine, to pour out His blood
for the purification of His people.

Genesis 49:11

He ties his foal to the vine,
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**And His blood goes all the way to
the very brim and does not run out!**

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Jesus shows Himself to be the
Bridegroom of all the ages.



The Bridegroom for All the Ages

The end of the party

John 2:3

When **the wine ran out**, the mother of Jesus said to Him,
“They have no wine.”

Not only would this have been the end of the party, it would have been a terrible disgrace to the groom as one who did not *or could not* adequately provide.

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Jesus' provision of abundance

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**This would have been 120 to 180
gallons of *good* wine!**

Jesus takes up the duty of the
bridegroom in His provision for
this wedding party.

And He provides *an abundance*
far exceeding what is needed!

Isaiah 55:1-2

“Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters;
And you who have no money come, buy and eat.
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The Bridegroom of future feasting

John's recognition of Jesus' identity

John 3:28-29

“You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’

“He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.”

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Where does this come from?

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And Looking Ahead...

Revelation 19:6-9

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.
Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him,
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and His bride has made herself ready. It was given to her
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"...and on the third day
there was a wedding in Cana..."

What does wine have to do with it?

Isaiah 25:6

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for all peoples on this mountain;
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Amos 9:13

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Jesus is the Bridegroom of the ages
who is preparing a wedding feast,
and He will not fail to provide an
overwhelming, joyful abundance
for all who are in attendance!

Concluding Questions

Have you trusted in the blood of Christ for your purification?

Do you believe that Jesus is *the source* of abundance and joy?