

BEHOLDING THE GLORY OF JESUS

(John 2:1-11)

The Gospel of John records for us Jesus' several miraculous signs. Jesus' miracles are not just spectacular displays of His power. Each of these miracles displays the glory our Lord Jesus as our divine Savior. Christ's glory points us to the amazing greatness of who Jesus is and the gracious works He does on behalf of His people. As we reflect on Jesus' first miracle in Cana, we will consider three revelations of the glory of Christ.

1. The Glory of Jesus as our _____

Jesus attended the wedding feast in Cana not only because He was invited but more importantly because, He would provide the most lavish gift to the couple: the miraculous supply of the finest wine (John 2:1-3,6-11). Wine in the Scriptures is a symbol of joy and gladness. In this very first miraculous sign, Jesus reveals His glory as the True Joy-Giver who came to offer the gift of endless and unfading joy of salvation to those whose hearts are restless and miserable because of sin (Isaiah 25:6-8; Revelation 21:3-6). Coming to Christ is being invited to God's eternal feast, to a life of perfect, purest and endless joy (Matthew 8:11; John 15:11; Psalm 16:11).

2. The Glory of Jesus as the _____

When Mary approached Jesus about the lack of wine, Jesus' reply was surprisingly a reference to the hour of His death (John 2:4; 7:6, 30; 8:20; 12:23-24,127). Jesus' death on the Cross is the ultimate purification for our sins. The wine which He produced became a prophetic emblem of the blood which He needed to shed to secure the forgiveness of our sins and our full redemption (John 2:5-6; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 7:14; Matthew 26:28-29).

3. The Glory of Jesus as our _____

Jesus performed His first miracle during a wedding where the people who were feasting on the outside were actually joyless on the inside. Jesus displayed His glory in a place where many were suffering from a religious system which was utterly destitute of genuine joy in God (John 2:7-10). By doing so, Jesus proved Himself to be our all-satisfying Provider who never fails to supply what is best for His people (Revelation 22:14; John 16:22).
