

The Wedding Feast

John 2:1-12

October 25, 2015

Focus:

This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. **John 2:11**

Some observations:

- **Jesus was on earth to do His Father's Will, _____!**

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." **John 2:4**

And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You! But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" **Luke 11:27-28**

- **"Hour has not yet come" was the time of His death on the _____.**

Four other times (John 7:30, 8:20, 12:27 and 12:23-24) Jesus speaks of His time not yet to come and refers to Jesus' death.

Jesus would throw out signs and wonders to allow people to begin to see who He was, but His Ultimate Hour was His time on the Cross.

- **The water pots pointed to our ultimate _____.**

Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. **John 2:6-7**

"Jesus tells the servants to fill the *purification* jars with water. These were not used for drinking. They were used for bathing—for purifying. So it seems that Jesus wants to say that this is what "my hour" will be like: "I will take the purification rituals of Israel and replace them with a decisively new way of purification—namely, with my blood." And keep in mind that in *John 6:55*, Jesus said, "My blood is true drink." "Unless you . . . drink [the] blood [of the Son of Man], you have no life in you" (*John 6:53*). So Jesus manifests his glory in this story is by giving a sign—an acted out parable—of how his own death, his own blood, his hour—will be the final, decisive, ultimate purification for sins. There is no ritual any more for cleansing. There is one way to be clean before God. John says it plainly in *Revelation 7:14*, "They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." The glory of Jesus is that he alone, once and for all, made purification for sins. You don't turn to ritual. You turn to Jesus." ~ *John Piper*

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. **1John 1:7**

Some thoughts as we jump into our theme this morning: How is my life pointing to Jesus and pointing others to Jesus? What is my life pointing others toward? Who's business am I about?

Everything that Jesus did, especially from this point on (signs) was to "manifest" (display/ show proof of) His glory and to glorify His Father while drawing people to Himself.

1) Any signs and/or miracles that God does or that He does in/through us is not about _____.

And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" **Luke 2:49**

All of the accounts of Jesus' signs in the Gospels were not just to heal or give someone what they desired. They were always to point to Jesus, and in particular, their need for Him.

From the healing of the lame man, forgiving the woman at the well, to Peter walking on water, all of these were to funnel people to Jesus.

2) Sometimes the "signs" and "wonders" that God allows can be _____.
John 11:1-16 the death of Lazarus

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. **Romans 8:28**

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. **Genesis 50:20**

The death of Jesus on the cross was painful, but it has saved many.

3) God working in and through us is not only for our benefit and growth, but also for others to "_____." (end of verse 11)

When we follow Jesus, trust Him and welcome His Will we are a walking Bible.

Some people may read what Jesus does in us and how we respond more than they read their Bible.

Am I allowing Jesus to work in and through me? What is my response to His working in me or through whatever I may be facing?

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