

SERMON OUTLINE John 2:1-11

Water You Turned Into Wine

A BRIEF WORD ON BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

THE WINE RAN OUT

A Real Situation (3)

My Hour Has Not Yet Come (4)

Do Whatever He Tells You (5)

WATER YOU TURNED INTO WINE

It's a Miracle (6-10)

The First Sign (11)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea in the immediate context, amplified by the embedded symbolism, is the simple fact that Jesus is the Christ and John told stories—miraculous stories—like this to help his readers see and believe that. That was the exact effect it had on Jesus' disciples, and that's the exact effect it ought to have on you and me. Let's pray that it will be so.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Do you tend to think of Jesus more in terms of His humanity or deity? What practical difference does that make in your life?
3. Have you ever heard of "biblical theology"? What do you think of it in light of Pastor Dave's brief explanation? Can you see how it enhances our reading and appreciation of John 2:1-11?
4. Have you ever been in a situation like the one in our passage—a situation of potential serious social embarrassment?
5. How do you know what Jesus tells you to do? Do you do whatever Jesus tells you?
6. Does it surprise you at all that Jesus' first miracle was to solve something so simple and practical? Does it surprise you at all that there's no mention at all of how Jesus actually went about performing the miracle?
7. Have you ever witnessed a miracle? How did you respond? How did the other people who witnessed it respond?
8. Is it ever hard for you to believe that supernatural events are happening around us all the time?
9. Which of the three descriptions of Jesus' miracle in v.11 stands out to you the most and why (He made the best wine, He manifested His glory, His disciples believed in Him)?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God in John?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. Talk to your DG leader about a good Biblical Theology text and start reading through it.
12. Find a way to meet a real need this week. Meet it by doing more than the bare minimum. Be extra generous and excellent.
13. Commit to reading through a harmony of the Gospels in the next month. Again, talk to your DG leader if you don't have one.
14. Find a command of Jesus that you have not been obeying, ask for God's help, share it with a friend, and obey it.
15. Tell someone the story of Jesus' first miracle and how it relates to their salvation.
16. Paint or draw a picture, write a song, or otherwise artistically capture John 2:1-11.
17. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

18. Adoration. Praise God for being the sovereign ruler of all. Praise God for the fact that miracles are no more difficult for Him than "ordinary" works. Praise God for being beautiful as well as good and true.
19. Confession. Confess any tendencies toward naturalism. Confess any ways you are not doing all that Jesus has told you to do. Confess any indifference you have to sharing the good news with others. Confess any ways you've made choices based more on common sense than the Word of God.
20. Thanksgiving. Thank God for performing and revealing miracles. Thank God for opening your eyes to believe and worship. Thank God for a church that is eager to help you grow in your faith. Thank God for the great wedding and wine to come.
21. Supplication. Ask God to comfort anyone you know who is lonely, sick, or otherwise suffering. Ask God to save a specific non-Christian in your life. Ask God to help you follow Jesus' example and meet a real need this week.