

An Unexpected Sign



John 2:1-11

◆The Introduction of Signs

1. The fruit Market
2. The Old Testament

◆The Background Information

1. The purpose of John's Gospel:
"But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (20:31).
2. The "new" creation story
3. The count of the days up to the wedding
4. The wedding in 1st century Palestine

◆The Wedding

1. Jesus' mother
2. The lack of wine
3. The groom and the host
4. The wine
5. The worry

◆Jesus' Response to His Mother

1. The Rebuke
2. The act of faith

◆The Rites of Purification

1. Leviticus 15:31
2. Traditions of the Elders
3. An application
4. The water and the wine
5. The interpretation

◆The Glory Which Leads to Faith

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On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.