

Sunday January 21st

Epiphany 3



JESUS PERFORMS HIS FIRST MIRACLE AT A WEDDING IN CANA

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 2: 1 - 11

Pray: Thank you, God, for sending your Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Thank you for the miracles he did and for the love he showed. Thank you for showing us why we can believe in Jesus! Help us to always remember who Jesus is. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Read the story of The Wedding in Cana from John 2: 1-11

The Wedding at Cana

2 On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; ² Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward 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 steward of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men 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.

In today's Bible lesson, Jesus went to a wedding. It was a big event and almost everyone in the town of Cana was there. Not only Jesus, but his disciples and Mary, his mother, were there. After the wedding ceremony, there was a huge feast and a terrible thing happened. Do you know what happened? They ran out of wine! Oh my, what could the bride's father do? He was sure that from that day on, he would be known as the father who didn't buy enough wine for his daughter's wedding feast. The mother of Jesus heard what had happened and she didn't want her friend to be embarrassed, so she went looking for Jesus. When she found him, she said, "They don't have any more wine." Jesus answered, "Dear woman, why have you come to me? My time has not yet come." But Mary was not discouraged. She turned to the servants and said, "Do whatever he tells you to do." Near the place where they were standing, there were six large stone water jars. Each jar would hold twenty or thirty gallons of water. "Fill the jars with water," Jesus said to the servants. So they filled all the jars to the top. Then Jesus said to them, "Now take some out and give it to the master of the feast." The servants took the water to the master. When he tasted it, the water had turned to wine. The master of the wedding called the bridegroom and said to him, "Most people serve the best wine first. Later, after the guests have been drinking a lot, they serve the cheaper wine. But you have saved the best wine till now."

So in Cana, Jesus did his first miracle. There he showed his glory, and his followers believed in him. Because the servants did what Jesus told them to do, a good thing

happened. Jesus wants good things to happen in our life too. If we do what Jesus tells us to do, good things will happen to us too.

Father, we thank you for sending your Son. Help us to do what he has told us to do in your Holy Word. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Do you know what is really great about this story? Just as Jesus performed a miracle by changing the water into wine at the wedding celebration over two thousand years ago, he is still working miracles in the hearts and lives of people today. If you will let him, he will work a miracle in you.

Activities

Design a wedding invitation on a postcard or piece of paper.

Imagine yourself as one of the people at the wedding and think how you would feel with what happened.

Re-write the story as if you are reporting it in a newspaper or on television

Have a think and decide what miracle you would like Jesus to perform today, talk to Him quietly and tell him what you would like and why.

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 2:1-11 (NIV).



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wedding	faith	best	last	Cana
Galilee	tasted	bridegroom	filled	glory
wine	disciples	servants	master	water
saved	banquet	signs	jars	miraculous



Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana
when He turned the water into wine

Mary told them to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

They did!

This is Jesus' first miracle of turning the water into wine
at the wedding in Cana.

