Jesus Reveals His Glory John 2:1-13 October 20, 2024

How do you know when it is time to replace the old with something new? Sanctification is change.

"The Kingdom of God is a Party!"

Christians are far too hesitant to enter the joy of the Lord!

Jesus chose to turn water into wine at a wedding to begin His ministry.

John 2-4 are a unit and the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

The old covenant is fulfilled and fading, the newer covenant has come!

Why on the Third Day?

What other things happened on the third day?

It points to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Why a Wedding?

Why do romantic comedies so often end in a wedding?

God's first creation ended with a wedding. His second creation begins with a wedding.

Bring out abundant wine! Jesus is here; change is coming!!

Mary's Request of Her Son

"They have no wine."

Running out of wine at a wedding was more serious than you might think.

The Messiah Responds

"My hour has not yet come." "What does this have to do with Me?"

Hour of His death. His final, finished work has not yet come.

Mary's words are an indirect prayer and an act of faith.

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Why I feel the need for purification.

Ritual hand washing was not a requirement in the Law of Moses. (Mark 7:3-4)

How many weddings have you attended that needed 120 gallons of wine? (Isaiah 25:6-9)

The kingdom of God is a party! A restoration; A celebration!

So come to the party! You are invited.

Meditation

Seeing the Glory

No man begins the journey to the heavenly home, until by the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit, his soul is attracted to Christ, the Living Way, the Truth, and the Life. Thus enlightened by divine grace, the pilgrim turns from the City of Destruction, to the Heavenly Mansions. He has become a spiritually minded man. He lives and walks by faith in the Son of God. Though in the world, he is no longer of it; but belongs to the kingdom of Jesus Christ. As an heir of glory, as a traveler to the skies, as an expectant of eternal bliss, he looks above and beyond the troublesome scenes of a fleeting pilgrimage. He beholds in that brighter world, an ocean of glory, without a shore, and without a storm! He who has been constrained, by the Savior's love, to begin the blessed journey from the wilderness of this world to the heavenly Canaan, will delight to meditate on the riches and glory of his Father's house, in the pure, unclouded realms of eternal day.

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