

**John # 32 “The Wedding Gift” *John 2:1-12***

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To have a reasonable chance to grow up spiritually, we must have privacy to respond to or react from God’s Word.

**Low I.Q. is never a handicap in learning the Word of God and that’s why God has given every Church Age believer all the grace help necessary to be a successful winner: the indwelling Holy Spirit; the regeneration of the human spirit at salvation, a local church classroom and a qualified pastor-teacher to communicate His truth.**

And we do not glorify God with Christian service activities, sacrifices or works; all that is wood, hay and straw to be burned at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

*Our spiritual growth is not measured in works or accomplishments; it’s measured in spiritual momentum and when there’s momentum, there’ll be production and that production is gold, silver and precious stones which is rewardable at the Judgment Seat of Christ.*

**John tells us that this miracle was a sign, a wonderous miracle that has a meaning intended to convey biblical truth to us that we wouldn’t otherwise know.**

The Lord Jesus’ signs display a significance that would be hidden if it were not for the sign.

*People can fill water jars but only God can instantly turn water into wine and without the use of grapes!*

Men provided the common activity of pouring water into pots but Jesus Christ brought life to the lifeless; He performed a creative miracle that John calls a sign because it shows that Jesus is Israel’s Messiah who touches spiritually dead human souls and brings forth brand-new created spiritual life that will never die!

**And so, Jesus gives this newly married couple a gift of gallons upon gallons of the best wine ever.**

**That's our Lord's grace in action but is that His only wedding gift?**

*That's certainly a fantastic display of grace but what about His truth that must accompany His grace?*

**The truth proclaims the glory of Jesus Christ in His fullness seen in this event demonstrating that He is indeed the Lord of nature who created all things.**

**Jesus' disciples were permanently changed because they saw that He is the God-man; Immanuel was with them and He could easily create something out of nothing!**

**The Lord Jesus can take your everyday mundane life and add a beauty to it and a meaning that defies imagination just as He turned common water into wine; He'll change your average run of the mill life into one of magnificence, power and grace that honors Him and that's His wedding gift at Cana of Galilee!**

*At this typical wedding reception, Jesus' disciples saw something in Him that they hadn't seen before and therefore, they believed in Him like never before.*

**To be married in a church adds nothing to the union or the compatibility afterward.**

**Marriage is a Divine institution not a Christian institution; however Christian marriage is designed to emulate the union of the Lord Jesus and His church.**

*In the New Testament times, the wedding was made official at the signing of the contract which began the betrothal (engagement) period.*

**One problem with relationships is that much more attention is paid to the wedding day than to the marriage that follows.**

**TLJC arrived just at the time of the host running out of wine and it was no accident!**

**While Mary is the mother of the humanity of Jesus, TLJC is the God of Mary.**

*God rebukes us to drive us to the "Peace in the Storm" technique.*

**All of the miracles of our Lord were designed to focus attention on the cross and not simply to alleviate suffering.**

**It is time to put a light on the cross with a miracle!**

**TLJC did not simply go to the wedding feast at Cana to provide more wine but to leave His business card to the human race.**

**The principle remains for us today; When we are about to hit the panic button our Lord says "Fear not, I am with you."**

**The Word of God teaches us to lay our burdens at the cross upon TLJC; 1st Peter 5:7**

**Q: How many waterpots?**

**Q: How many disciples (at this time)?**

**WATER REPRESENTS:**

- 1. Salvation Isaiah 55:1**
- 2. The Word Ephesians 5:26**
- 3. The Holy Spirit John 7: 37, 39**

**The waterpots were empty, worthless and non-functional before TLJC found them.**

**The issue with TLJC is not correcting social problems, but mending broken souls.**