

Jesus At The Wedding in Cana; The Disciples Remember Jesus' Words

John 2

In John chapter 2¹, two major events happen: 1) Jesus and His disciples attend a wedding feast in Cana and 2) Jesus travels to Jerusalem for the first Passover of His public ministry. Each of these have unique events that take place during them that should help us to remember that Jesus really is who He (and all the prophets and NT writers) said He was.

First at the wedding at Cana. I'm sure we are all familiar with this story. As I read it, I was reminded of an article by Brad Farlow from the Institute for Creation Research entitled "7 Creation Miracles of Christ"². In it he talks about how Christ shows His creative nature in the miracles in John with the wedding at Cana being the first.

A couple of things about this event. I'll skip over the interchange with Jesus and his mother or about He and His disciple being invited, or the length of the feast—there are plenty of people who have commented on then and you can do a simple search on Google or any Bible software website and find articles about this event. The thing I want to focus on is the miracle itself.

Jesus didn't do things half way. When He does a miracle, it is full and complete. So when asked to make wine for the wedding celebration, He chooses to use waterpots set aside for the Jewish purification ritual washing. They must have needed quite a large quantity of water since there are 6 jars that hold 20 to 30 gallons each—120 to 180 gallons of wine.

In verse 7-8, Jesus tells the servants to fill the water pots and then draw some out and take it to the head waiter. In verse 9, the headwaiter is blown away by the quality of the wine.

Most wine connoisseurs will tell you that most wine has to age for a few years to bring out the best quality of the wine. Here Jesus shows His creative nature by creating already perfectly aged wine. Andrew Snelling in his article "Who Is Jesus Christ? A Challenge to Christians"³ cites this miracle as evidence of God's ability to create a universe that is already perfectly aged and for a specific purpose, supporting a young earth creation model.

Something to think about the next time you read this story or any of the other 7 miracles that are recorded in John's gospel.

Secondly, concerning Jesus' time in Jerusalem for the first Passover of his public ministry. Here is what I noticed in this narrative aside from the obvious—twice the disciples remembered something that Jesus had said concerning certain things. Here are the two places where this happens.

John 2:17 NASB His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

John 2:22 NASB So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

The first instance of the disciples seems to be in "real" time and the second appears to be after the fact. I'm reminded that Jesus promised that once the Holy Spirit came, the disciples would remember everything that Jesus said. Here are some other places in John where Jesus expects the disciples to remember things He said.

John 12:16 NASB These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when

1 (You can read my outline of chapter 2 and 3 of John on the [Downloads](#) page under Bible Studies.)

2 (Farlow)

3 (Snelling)

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Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

John 14:26 NASB "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 16:4 NASB "But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

This is how we got the gospels and how their writings came to be included in the New Testament⁴. The Holy Spirit moved them to speak and write the letters which have been preserved for us through the ages. Consider what John, Peter, and Paul wrote concerning the Scriptures.

John 20:30-31 NASB Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

2 Peter 1:20-21 NASB But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NASB All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

This was not something that was limited to just the apostles but to Old Testament prophets as well. Consider what God told Moses when he hesitated in returning to Egypt.

Exodus 4:10-12 NASB Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." 11 The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? 12 "Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say."

God doesn't want his people left uninformed but raises up faithful teachers and preachers through the ages to remind them of the words that have been recorded through His prophets and apostles so that we can become a mature disciple in Christ.

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