

The Gospel of John

PART 5

John 2—An Unexpected Glimpse Of God

JOHN 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus, with his disciples, had also been invited.³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." Jesus replied,⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me? My hour has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind the Jews used for ceremonial washing, able to hold twenty to thirty gallons each.⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill them with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

JOHN 2:1-11

⁸ Then he said, "Now draw some out and take it to the banquet master." They did,⁹ and the master tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He didn't realize where it had come from, though the servants did. So he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, "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."¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

JOHN'S G O S P E L

the
AUDIENCE { *Ephesians Greeks unfamiliar with a singular, personal, loving God*

the
APPROACH { *Introducing this God through Jesus; Chapters 2-21—proving Jesus is that God.*

THE SEVEN SIGNS

1. *Changing Water Into Wine*
JOHN 2:1-11
2. *Healing The Official's Son*
JOHN 4:46-54
3. *Healing the Paralytic at Bethesda*
JOHN 5:1-18
4. *Feeding The Five Thousand*
JOHN 6:5-14
5. *Walking On Water*
JOHN 6:16-24
6. *Healing The Man Born Blind*
JOHN 9:1-7
7. *Raising Lazarus From The Dead*
JOHN 11:1-45

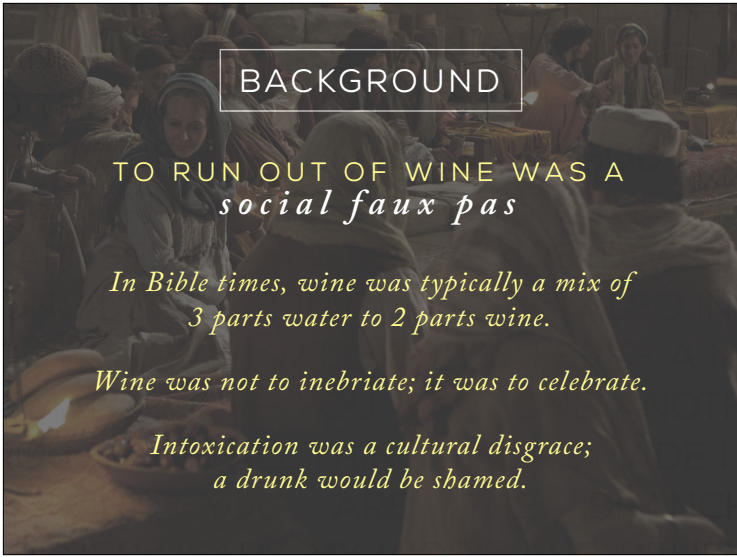
BACKGROUND

"THREE DAYS LATER"
after Jesus recruits the first disciples

"IN CANA OF GALILEE"
within eyesight of Jesus' hometown

"JESUS' MOTHER SAID TO HIM"
Mary has a role in the wedding

"WHEN THE WINE WAS GONE"
Without wine, there is no joy



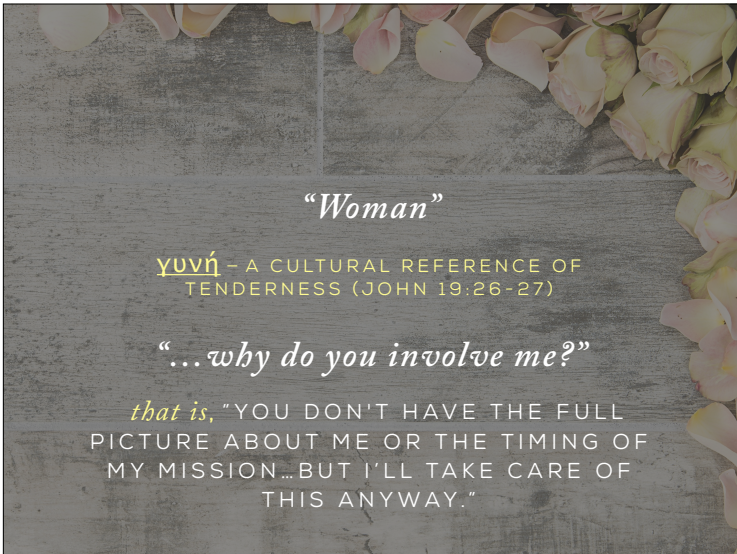
BACKGROUND

TO RUN OUT OF WINE WAS A
social faux pas

*In Bible times, wine was typically a mix of
3 parts water to 2 parts wine.*

Wine was not to inebriate; it was to celebrate.

*Intoxication was a cultural disgrace;
a drunk would be shamed.*

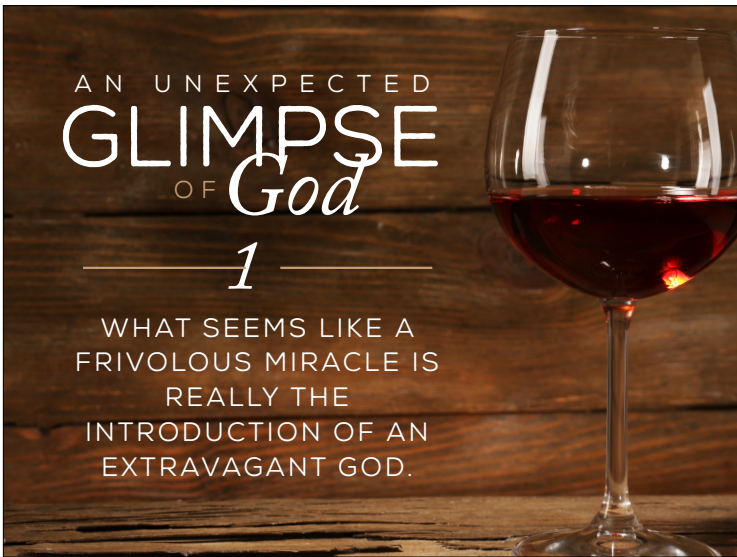


“Woman”

γυνή – A CULTURAL REFERENCE OF
TENDERNESS (JOHN 19:26-27)

“...why do you involve me?”

that is, “YOU DON’T HAVE THE FULL
PICTURE ABOUT ME OR THE TIMING OF
MY MISSION...BUT I’LL TAKE CARE OF
THIS ANYWAY.”



AN UNEXPECTED
GLIMPSE
OF *God*

— 1 —

WHAT SEEMS LIKE A
FRIVOLOUS MIRACLE IS
REALLY THE
INTRODUCTION OF AN
EXTRAVAGANT GOD.



Does God intervene in the ordinary, unimportant events of people?

ANSWER:
SOMETIMES!

Should I bother God with my ordinary, unimportant stuff?

ANSWER:
IT DOESN'T HURT TO ASK!

JESUS REVEALS
THE GOD WHO
TRANSFORMS
WATER

{the limits of human fallenness}

INTO
WINE

{the liberality of divine grace!}



AN UNEXPECTED
GLIMPSE
OF *God*

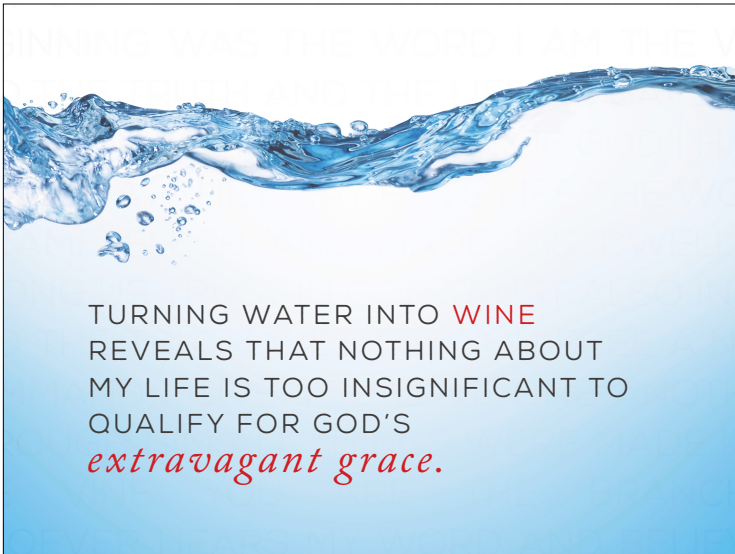
— 2 —

THIS MIRACLE BRINGS
GOD OUT OF THE
HEAVENLY REALMS
AND INTO OUR
HUMBLE REALITIES.





CHOOSING A WEDDING IN CANA
 FOR HIS FIRST MIRACLE REVEALS
 JESUS' DESIRE TO BE REAL—AND
 MAKE GOD REAL—IN OUR
daily ordinariness.



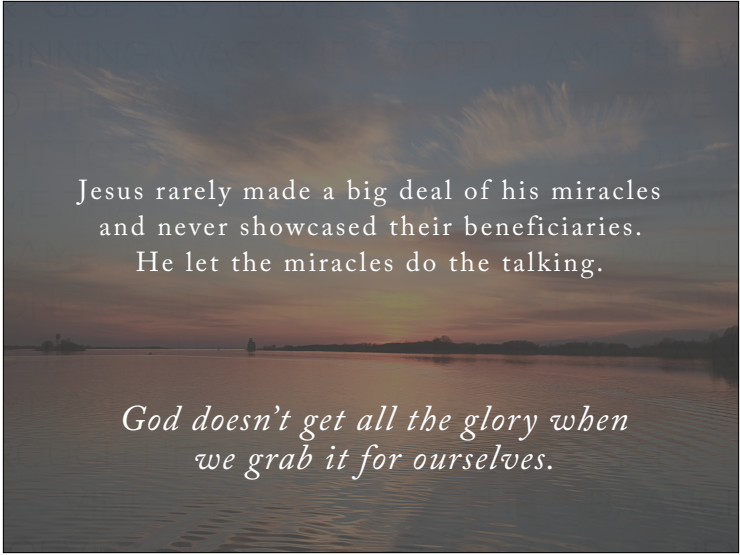
TURNING WATER INTO **WINE**
 REVEALS THAT NOTHING ABOUT
 MY LIFE IS TOO INSIGNIFICANT TO
 QUALIFY FOR GOD'S
extravagant grace.



AN UNEXPECTED
GLIMPSE
 OF *God*

3

THIS MIRACLE
 SHOWS THAT DIVINE
 POWER IS ALWAYS
 EXERCISED TO
 MAXIMIZE GOD'S
 GLORY.



Jesus rarely made a big deal of his miracles
and never showcased their beneficiaries.
He let the miracles do the talking.

*God doesn't get all the glory when
we grab it for ourselves.*

*"Jesus revealed his glory through the first of the
signs, and his disciples believed in him."*

JOHN 2:11

*"Jesus performed many other signs in his disciples'
presence that aren't recorded in this book. But these
are written so you may believe Jesus is the Messiah,
God's Son, and by believing, have life in his name."*

JOHN 20:30-31

CHRISTIANITY *made* SIMPLE

That we might believe—place total,
radical, life-altering trust—in Jesus
as both Savior and Lord!

*“This is the work of God: to believe
in Jesus whom God has sent.”*

JOHN 6:29

“Stop doubting and believe!”

JOHN 20:27

“Lord I believe! Help my unbelief!”

MARK 9:24

*“If you believe, you will receive whatever
you ask for in prayer.”*

MATTHEW 21:22

ASK!

JESUS MIGHT JUST TURN YOUR
WATER INTO WINE!

R GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD IN T
GINNING WAS THE WORD I AM THE W
D THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE HE GAVE T
GHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD I HA
ME THAT THE WORLD THE WO
CAME FLESH AND DWELLI
LONG US TRUST IN GOD JUST ALSO IN I
D THE TRUTH WIL LET YOU FREE A NE
MMAND OF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTH
ROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE I A
E VINE YOU ARE THE BRANCH
HOEVER HEARS MY WORD AND BELIEV

The Gospel of John

PART 5
John 2—An Unexpected Glimpse Of God
