

Jesus Reveals His Glory

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“This, the first of His miraculous - σημειων - signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed - φανερω - His Glory - δοξαν - , and His disciples put their faith in Him.”

What do I have in my hand? (Keep hand closed and do not let anyone know) No one knows. The only way that you know is if I open my hand and show you. (Do not show / tell)

Who is God? We know from creation that God is powerful! We know from our conscience that God is Just! Today we are told that by Jesus changing the Water into wine He revealed His glory - δοξαν - A Miracle of Jesus tells us that Jesus is GOD. Since Only God can do miracles.

In the Gospel of Luke, we are told that when the angels appeared to the Shepherds, that the Glory of the Lord shone around the shepherds. **Luke 2:8-9** – **“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the GLORY - δοξα - of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.”**

As the angels sang about this Glory of the Lord, they also announced that the infant born in Bethlehem would bring PEACE. This is reconciliation between God and mankind. Jesus would and did re-establish peace with God for us and on our behalf.

Luke 2:13-14 – **Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 – GLORY - Δοξα - to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.”**

This Miracle of Jesus tells us that Jesus is GOD. Since Only God can do miracles. It is while Jesus is at this wedding that they ran out of wine, and Mary, the Mother of Jesus recognizes this and she goes and tells Jesus that the wine is gone. Jesus gives Mary an answer that might seem a bit harsh, but keep in mind that when Jesus speaks to Mary, Jesus is speaking to Mary as the Savior / Messiah. Jesus is not responding as Mary’s “Little Boy” Jesus is speaking as Messiah / Savior. It is then according to His time, that Jesus does determine to help with the shortage of wine at the wedding in Cana.

Jesus directs the servants to fill the 6 jars with water. These Jars are those which are used for ceremonial washings. These jars hold between 20-30 gallons each. Thus there is 120-180 gallons of wine. This might seem like a lot of wine, but we need to bear in mind that a wedding banquet would last for an entire week.

Jesus is not promoting drunkenness, since Scripture warns against such a sin, rather Jesus is providing for the entire remainder of the Wedding Feast. We also learn that the wine that Jesus made is better than that which was had earlier as the Master of the wedding banquet states: ***“You have saved the best till Now!”*** When the disciples with Jesus – Peter – James – John – Philip – Nathanael and Andrew – saw this miracle, the text tells us that they put their faith in Jesus.

This was not a conversion type of faith, since they already believed in Jesus that is why they were following Jesus in the first place. Rather the Miracle reaffirmed to them that Jesus was and Is God. Let us continue to put our faith in Jesus.

Jesus is our Savior from Sin, death and the Devil and in Jesus Christ alone we have Eternal Life in heaven where there will be no more death, no more pain, and no more sorrow. May God give us the courage and strength to continue to live our lives according to His will as we serve Him faithfully now and forever in heaven. AMEN