

Jesus Miracles

Miracles in the New Testament had a purpose, miracles were performed to:

- Confirm the Word.
- Produce faith in Jesus Christ.
- Show that God is with Jesus.
- Demonstrate that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, as prophesied in Scripture.

The signs pointing to Jesus true identity and the conflicts with the Jews are the focus of the first main sections of the Gospel of John. Jesus' physical miracles pointed to spiritual truths and to God. Jesus stressed His ability to satisfy the spiritual needs of mankind.

Throughout the gospels, Christ is conscious that He is doing the will of the Father and Christ's ministry is to make God known to mankind. We will see the escalation of the revelation of Jesus' glory, and we will also see how mankind responds to this revelation.

Glory: The reality of “grace” and “truth” clearly revealed before our eyes.

So today we are beginning with His public ministry. And we arrive at the first miracle that Jesus ever performed. His first public act to reveal His true glory. The first miracle, the changing of water to wine, occurs in the town of Cana at a wedding feast. Now a wedding celebration in those day's lasted about a week, you said goodbye to your job, you dropped all worry about the crops, you went over to the wedding celebration and had a great time for a week.

Why would the first miracle have to do with nature and at the time of a wedding?

The account of Jesus being invited to a wedding brings Jesus into the real world. Attending, and using his divine power over nature to save the celebration from disaster, are taken as evidence of his approval for marriage and earthly celebrations. Here Christ sanctifies the ceremony itself. The ceremony is important, as a matter of fact believers are going to have a ceremony called “The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.” (Rev. 19:9)

Does anyone know what “The Marriage Supper of the Lamb” is and who will be invited?

But this miracle showed more about who He was (God and man) rather than what He did. Jesus turned water into wine to show His real nature to the disciples. The ultimate purpose of the miracle was to reveal His glory, with the result being faith in Him. Jesus didn't perform the miracle to recruit faith in the members of the wedding party. His only interest was to reveal his true, inner being to six men. The sign achieved its purpose, it brought a glimpse of His glory to the disciples and they believed in Him. (Read John 1:14)

The primary reason for this miracle was to teach the disciples. Why?