

Marvel

The Seven Miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John

About the Series: Throughout His ministry, Jesus performed miracles to authenticate and validate His message of truth. This series will look at the seven miracles of Jesus recorded in the gospel of John to give us a unique perspective of God's power and might, because what we believe about God directly affects how we live out the Christian life.

Part 1

Water into Wine

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DISCUSS

Read verses 1-3.

- What does it tell you that Jesus had a social life, such as attending a wedding?
- Does living a godly life mean that you have to separate yourself completely from the world?
- How should you, as a Christian, live in the world?
- Why was wine so important in celebratory events in the Jewish culture? Why would Mary, who never saw Jesus perform a miracle, ask Jesus to help when wine ran out in the party?

God's ways and timing do not necessarily coincide with our human expectations, so we need to learn to trust (v. 4-5).

- Was it disrespectful when Jesus called His mother "Woman?"
- How did Jesus show that His priority was to do His Heavenly Father's will and follow His timing?
- What was revealed about Mary from her response to Jesus?

- Share a time when you didn't have control over a situation, but you trusted the Lord for His ways and timing to take control. What was the result?

God's ways and timing may be unusual and unconventional, but he knows what he is doing (v. 6-8).

- What unconventional instruction did Jesus tell the servants to do to solve the problem of not having enough wine in the wedding feast? What did the servants do that showed their trust in Jesus?
- Give examples of how trust is being manifested in your daily life.
- In your walk with the Lord, how is your trust in God's ways and timing being manifested?

God's ways and timing are always for our best even if we don't receive what we initially ask for (v. 9-11).

- How did the master of the feast react to the water that was made into wine by Jesus?
- Did Jesus prove to Mary (and to us) that when God provides through His ways and His timing that it is always the best?
- Share an experience that showed you that what you want is NOT what is always best for you.
- What does Romans 8:28 assure you about disappointments in life?

God's ways and timing demonstrate His glory, thus deepening our faith and trust (v. 11-12).

- What's the reason why Jesus performed this first miracle?
- What is God's intrinsic glory, and what is God's ascribed glory?
- How does the greater knowledge of God deepen your faith and trust in Him and move you to worship Him more?

REFLECT

Miracles do happen every day in our lives. What things or experiences have Jesus done in your life that caused you to have faith in Him? How do you give Him ascribed glory when you see His intrinsic glory, which represents the whole of His divine being?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, You perform miracles not only during the bible times, but even today. Thank You that miracles happen when lives are changed because people have come to know You. Help me to keep learning to trust Your ways and timing, unconventional as they may be, because I know that You know what You are doing and You know what is best for me. Thank You, Father, that when Your ways and timing demonstrate Your glory, my faith and trust deepen. In Jesus' precious name I pray these things. Amen.