

John

Water Into Wine

Welcome back and here we go!

As we move into the Book of John, we quickly see Jesus as God. In Chapter 1, He is called “the Word”, “eternal God”, “the True Light” and “Light of Men”, “only begotten of the Father”, “the Lord”, “the Lamb of God”, “the Messiah”, “the Son of God”, “Rabbi”, and “the King of Israel”. This is all in Chapter 1.

1) Why is it important to know Jesus is God?

John 2

Here we have two stories: one about a miracle and one about the temple. Both are important stories!

The turning of water into wine has lots of significance to it. This is Jesus’ first miracle - making of wine!

We can draw several ideas and conclusions, but let’s look at a couple things you may not have noticed.

- Six jars made of stone (rock)
- A ceremonial cleansing
- Third day
- Wedding feast.

It is almost like this miracle points to something much bigger.

John 2:1

“Third day” biblically means transition from old to new --- New birth / transformation. The Lord provides for Abraham (Genesis 22), meets His people (Exodus 19), revives His fallen people (Hosea 6), Jonah saved from whale, Jesus’ resurrection, leading to the ultimate wedding.

Revelations 21:1-5

2) A) Why did Jesus perform miracles?

2) B) How does this miracle show Jesus as God?

The fact that the very atoms of water were changed to fermented grapes --- a very long process and without grapes. God / Jesus can resurrect you and make you a new body as well!

3) Why did John mention that the jars were made of stone?

Exodus 17:6, Numbers 20:8 Moses brought water out of the rock.

John 1:17 The water of the law came by Moses. The wine of grace came through Jesus!

Also, ceremonial jars now represent the new wineskins --- the new covenant --- ceremonies are gone.

4) Name a miracle you have seen.

Maybe you feel like you need a miracle today! Miracles --- the impossible coming true.

By the way, Jesus being concerned about small things, like having wine, shows His concern for you today. But I want you to know Jesus is zealous for His temple. Again, cleaning --- getting rid of old to prepare for the new.

John 2:13-22

5) Would you invite God to come and sit with all of your thoughts and actions?

Obviously not. Yet that is where He lives --- in you.

II Corinthians 6:19-20

So what's intriguing to me is that the word says "*in Him there is no darkness*".

I John 1:5-10

Yet God lives in us.

Darkness --- absence of light. Jesus had no darkness.

In order to stay in the light, we must confess our sins.

Let's pray.