SERMON NOTES



Signs! "A Wedding Miracle!" July 2, 2023

MIRACLE: An event that appears inexplicable by the laws of nature and so is held to be supernatural in origin or an act of <u>God</u>.

Why did Jesus do miracles?

John 20:30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But <u>these</u> <u>are written</u> that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- 1. Signs to answer doubts as to _____Jesus _____.
 - John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 2. Signs to show _____Jesus came to _____.
 - John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Why a wedding miracle? (John 2:1-10)

John 2:1-10 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time 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 used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from,

though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 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."

3. Every ______is an opportunity to ______

- Psalm 50:15 ... call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."
- 1 Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

4. Jesus has his ______which is always ______.

- Matthew 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- Matthew 7:9-11 "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!
- Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

John 2:11 This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him

5. Jesus has his ______which is always _____

• 1 Timothy 2:3-4 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

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SERMON QUESTIONS: Apply to My Life

- Was there a time in your life when you remember "wrestling" with what you had always been told about God? Describe your experience. Have you been able to resolve that tension?
- 2. John describes his faith journey. He references events that served as signs of who Jesus was. (cf. John 20:30-31) Explain how this made a difference for John. Should the fact that we are not eyewitnesses to Jesus' miracles affect the process of coming to faith? Why or why not?
- 3. Read John 2:1-11. · Share one thing that stands out to you from the verses. · What are some details about the story that would lead a reader to determine that this was not a made up story? · In vs. 4, the phrase, "my hour has not yet come," points to Jesus' focus on his purpose for coming to earth. If you were to craft a purpose statement for your life, what would it be? · In vs. 9, how would you have reacted if you were one of the servants at the wedding and just witnessed what Jesus did?

- **4.** What are some characteristics about Jesus that come to mind because of this story?
- **5.** What are some ways that Jesus shows that he cares about the ordinary circumstances of your life?
- **6.** Does looking at this story as a sign instead of just a miracle change anything about your view of God? How does it shape your view of when God does miracles?

DIGGING DEEPER: Apply to My Life

Scripture: (Use one from the message this week)

Observation: (What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)

Application: (How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)

Prayer: (Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)