

Morning Worship

August 4, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

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Welcome and Fellowship	Allan/People
Scripture Reading	Romey Keith Davis
Hymn #361 <i>We Have Come Into His House</i>	Romey/People
Worship Prayer	Allan Lane
Hymn # 575 <i>I Will Sing of My Redeemer</i>	Romey/People
Offering Prayer	LeRoy Bush
Tithes and Offerings	People
Offering Music	
Hymn # 139 <i>At the Cross</i>	Romey/People
Hymn #144 <i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Romey/People
Special Music	
Message	Bro. Allan
Hymn # 145 <i>Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed</i>	Romey/People
Lord's Supper Observance	Church Family
Prayer Concerns	Allan/People
Closing Chorus # 224 <i>Holy Ground</i>	Romey/People

Jesus Changes Every Party

John 1:1-11

Have you ever been invited to a party and you really didn't want to go? But then you are told a certain person will be there. And because that certain person will be there, you go from dreading to go to being excited about the opportunity to see that person. Now you can't wait for the party to start. What made the difference?

1. Introducing the sign.

Cana is located close to Galilee, strengthening the possibility of a family relationship to Jesus and Mary. Mary does seem to know more than the average guest as she tells Jesus that the wine is running low.

a. When was the third day?

We know that this happens after Jesus' baptism and the temptations. The passage tells us "on the third day", but the third day of what. The grammar would suggest that it is the third day after the calling of the first disciples mentioned in the first chapter. These disciples would come to the wedding banquet with Jesus.

b. Was Jesus an extra guest?

There are some who believe that Jesus and His disciples were last minute "additional guests", and that this was the reason for the shortage of wine. This has little support as one would have to ask the question why the invitation at the last minute was extended at all if the quantities were that tight.

c. How did Mary know?

How Mary knew they were running out of wine, is not made known to us. Nor are we told how Mary knew that Jesus could do something about the situation. Perhaps she thought He would just arrange to get more wine and was not expecting a supernatural "sign" at all. We know from her statement to the servants, that she felt that anything was possible.

Why then did Mary turn to Jesus to help this family? Two possible reasons: Mary was asking Jesus to leave so as not to embarrass the family. This theory does not have much support. Embarrassment would come from the other invited guests. To run out of wine would be considered a great insult to the family and the community as a whole. It was literally considered a crime to run out of food and drink at a wedding banquet. You could be ostracized from the community and even sued for this great mistake in preparation.

Second, she was asking Jesus to perform a miracle. This is a better theory but it does pose one issue. How did Mary know Jesus could perform miracles? She knew He was the Messiah, and had all the events of His birth support this, but how did she know the power that was at His disposal as the Messiah. Remember, up to this point Jesus had performed no "signs" or "miracles." How did she know?

During His formative years I believe Mary came to trust Jesus. She knew she could depend on Him, one way or another, to solve this crisis. Perhaps she didn't know how.

Jesus' response can be taken a number of ways, but the key is in His last statement. Here He says my hour is not come. I believe that Jesus wanted to keep His identity as the Messiah a secret at this point. His ministry was just beginning, and He did not want people to know His divine nature. The time is coming though when His glorification will be known fully (John 17:1, Matthew 6:3-4).

2. Performing the sign.

The servants were instructed to fetch water and fill six earthen jars each holding 20-30 gallons. Simple math would tell us that this is between 120 and 180 gallons of water.

These were huge earthen pots which could not be moved easily, so the water would have to be brought to them. They were used for ceremonial cleansing, the kind Jesus spoke of in John 13:10.

People who had visitors were responsible for providing water to wash the visitors feet with when they entered a house. Most travel was done by foot, and even though people wore sandals, often their feet could be caked with the dirt and manure of the day, with some of the dirt going back into the jars.

Some speculate that if this was a poor family their earthen jars may not have been top of the line. They might have been chipped and had pieces missing. Because that was the only thing they were used for there could have been a lot of sediment at the bottom. I don't think it's something you would want to drink from, let alone serve wedding guests from.

a. Fill the jars to the brim .

b. Take some to the master .

Jesus told them to **fill the jars to the brim**, and then to **take some to the master** of the banquet. Can you imagine how these servants must have felt. "We just filled those jars once and now we have to fill them again, why?" Whatever they thought they kept it to themselves and set out to do the task. The jars were filled, the clean water mixing in with the dirty polluted water in the jars.

Just when the water became wine we do not know. Suffice it to say that any water drawn from those jars would be wine when it touched peoples lips, and not only wine, but the best wine.

Some people want to have major debates over relatively minor issues. Was the wine strongly alcoholic? Does it matter? Is Jesus promoting alcoholic consumption? No!

In Jesus' day, wine was a staple article of diet. However, drunkenness was looked down on. To be drunk in public was a disgrace much like it can be today. A wedding was a religious occasion and there would have been no thought of drunkenness being connected with it.

This wedding is a picture of another wedding that is coming. Jesus began his ministry at a wedding and He will end it at another wedding. At the marriage supper of the Lamb, the church will be presented to Him as a bride.

This is Jesus' first miracle. Moses's first miracle was to turn the water of the Nile River into blood. Jesus turned water into wine. Moses gave the law, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. What a contrast. Water went into those jars and wine came out of them by supernatural action of God through Christ.

3. Applying the sign.

a. God has a plan .

God has a purpose and plan for all things under heaven. He had a plan for when and how the Lord was going to first appear in this world. He had a plan for how Jesus would show the world that he was the Messiah. His plan included the cross and resurrection.

God wants us to do things in His timing and when we do we will find blessing. When we try to do things in our own power, often times we work against the will of god and blessings that He meant for us to have will not come to pass (Isaiah 40:31).

This sign allows us to see who Jesus really is. He is God incarnate. He could have gotten more wine by natural means, He could have instantly filled the jars, He could have done it with a great shout, all of which would draw attention to Himself and embarrass the host and wedding family. He chose to use people, and show compassion to accomplish His goal.

b. The sign symbolizes our conversion.

In this sign we have Jesus ordering six old, dirty, broken jars to be filled with water that would be dirty and polluted by whatever was in the jars. This is an awesome form of natural symbolism of our life before we accept Christ. With water we can clean the outside, but not the inner man. The water we draw on our own is impure and contaminated. It provides no sustenance. It needs a transformation.

Through the power of God Christ provides that transformation. He takes that old dirty polluted water and transforms it into something new, a great tasting wine. Jesus can transform our lives the same way and make us new creatures in Him (2 Corinthians 5:17-20).

c. Jesus wants to bless us.

Can't you just hear the grumbling of the servants when told by Jesus to fill those jars? "We need wine not water! This will take us all day, and for what? Surely he is not planning to serve wedding guests from these dirty things."

Not only was there quantity but there was also quality. It was the best wine. Their eyes must have widened when they dipped their ladles into the jars and pulled out wine. The host must have been taken aback as well.

The host didn't realize it but he was making a great statement about Heaven. This world has many things for us to enjoy, and enjoy them we should, but they pale in significance with the glory that awaits us in Heaven. Perhaps you've heard some version of the fork story that reminds us to keep our fork, for the best is yet to be. The best is yet to be in Heaven.

Conclusion:

Weddings are very important in scripture, and have great symbolic meaning. The church is often referred to as the bride of Christ, and when I think about this wedding at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, I also think about a wedding, yet to come, when Jesus comes in all His glory to claim His bride the church (revelation 19:6-10).

What a great celebration this will be. Christians from all ages will be there. On one side of you could be David and the other the apostle Paul.

But you must understand this. Only people who are born again Christians will be there. Your opinion will have no weight, what you did for others in this world has no bearing, the only thing that matters is whether or not you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Oh, to be united with all who have gone before us at that wedding banquet, where the blessings and praise to our Heavenly Father will never run out, and we will forever celebrate His glory. Make the decision to trust in Jesus today (2 Corinthians 6:2).

God's Timing Is Always Best!

Listen to the Sign

The Chicago suburb of Oak Lawn had a problem. Motorists weren't coming to a complete stop at STOP signs. So in 2007 the mayor came up with a creative solution. He added a second, smaller octagonal sign to the town's stop signs that read:

"STOP ... And smell the roses"
"STOP ... No really, you gotta stop"
"STOP ... Or I'm Telling Your Mom,"
"STOP ... In the naaaame of love."

And it worked! People began stopping at the STOP signs. The additional signs were so imaginative and humorous people laughed and obeyed the STOP sign. Everybody laughed ... except the Illinois Department of Transportation which deemed the signs violated the Federal Uniform Traffic Control Act, and threatened to withhold funds if the signs weren't removed. Sadly, they had to comply.

Signs have always been used to get messages across to people. Whether square, rectangular, triangular, or octagonal - there is a message tied to the sign. Sometimes the sign's message is very important and even critical. In John 2:11 we are told the changing water into wine was the first of the signs Jesus did.

One scholar went through the Gospels and found at least 35 different miracles / signs that Jesus did during His ministry. But John explained at the end of his Gospel there was no way to write down everything Jesus did (John 21:25). In other words, Jesus probably did a whole lot more miracles during His ministry. These 35 or so that are listed in the Gospels were intended to teach us something. They were like signposts showing us God's message.

In fact, that was the purpose of miracles. The miracles that Jesus did were intended to get people to attention. We also need to see He is the Son of God, the one to whom we need to listen.

There was an interview on National Public Radio (NPR) where they were talking about a survey conducted by the Pew Forum on Religion in 2010. The survey revealed that a vast majority of Americans, nearly 80%, believe in miracles. In the interview, Greg Smith (the representative of the Pew Forum) said "One of the things we see is that even people who are not part of a particular faith, people who are unaffiliated with any particular religion, even this group says they believe in miracles."

The NPR interviewer asked: "Did you define miracle in the survey?" To which Mr. Smith replied: "Not in so many words. What we did is we asked people a very straightforward question. Basically, do you agree or disagree that miracles still occur today just as in ancient times?" Then the NPR interviewer asked "Ancient - might that be taken as a word for Biblical?"

Isn't that interesting? NPR is not usually associated with anything related to God. Yet the first thought in the mind of the interviewer was ancient miracles are tied to the Bible.

Remember that God uses signs (the supernatural and spectacular) to tell us something about Jesus, to get our attention. Does He have your attention?

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan ☺

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: LeRoy Bush, Don Sharp, Gary Yarbrough, Ken Nice

Alternate: Joe Coats

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Monday, August 5

Serve at the Food Kitchen...5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 7

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, John Lewis, Bill Schottel, George Burgess

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 14

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events

August 4 — Lord's Supper Observance

August 5 — Serve at the Food Kitchen

August 14 — Prayer Warriors

August 17 — Biblical Manhood Conference

August 18 — The Ball Brothers, Clarksdale, MO Park 6:30 pm

September 14 — Missouri Baptist Children's Home

Apple Festival, Raymore, MO 1-3 pm

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Night

We will have Sunday Night service tonight. Hope to see you here at 6:30 pm. We will continue looking at some of the sayings of Jesus. Come be a part!

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We are really enjoying the *Anxious for Nothing* study by Max Lucado. Won't you please attend and pray for the direction of our church?

Biblical Manhood Conference: Men On Mission

*August 17, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Frederick Boulevard
Baptist Church*

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the entryway. Invite a friend (lunch included).

Odds and Ends

We had some response to the extra older tube TVs we aren't using. We'll distribute those soon.

Thanks! Brother Allan.

Thank You

Dear Calvary—

Thank you for letting me go to camp. I had a lot of fun. I met a lot of new friends too. I really appreciate what you did and you didn't have to either.

From AJ (Addison)

Dear Calvary Church—

Thank you for letting me and my brother go to camp. I had a lot of fun

and I met lots of new friends.

Sincerely, Nevaeh

Lord's Supper Observance

This morning we will observe the Lord's Supper in our worship service. As always, all loose monies in the offering will go toward benevolence.

The Ball Brothers in Concert

(in the Park)

Clarksdale, MO

Sunday, August 18, 2019

6:30 pm

Missouri Baptist Children's Home Apple Festival 2019

First Baptist Church

Raymore, MO

September 14

1:00 pm—3:00pm

For the Record

Attendance: July 28, 2019

Sunday School..... 28

Visitors..... 0

Total..... 28

Contacts Made..... 10

Morning Worship..... 39

Sunday Night..... N/A

Children's Worship N/A

Wednesday Night 8

VBS Report

Children 19

Workers 12

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,286.39

Offering Received ... \$ 2,441.90

Long Family – July \$ 165.00

Offering Received by Mail:

August Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

August Van Driver:

Joe Coats
Call 232-3747 before 8 am

August Member Birthdays:

09...Dottie Wildberger
18...Tonia Meers
22...Beverly Lewis
24...LeRoy Bush

August Anniversaries

David and Annette Schottel
August 5, 1989

LeRoy and Ruth Anne Bush
August 5, 1966

Tim and Sharon Waters
August 10, 1985

Prayer Requests ...

John Lewis
Jack and Flo Conard
Jeanette Shirley
Brigida and Jim Winans
Curtis Conard
Chuck and Gloria Stewart
Family and Friends of Alicia McKinnon
June Fritchle—infection recovery
Mike Green—knee recovery
Lillie Williams—surgery recovery
Gary Hurst—cancer
Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister
Swymeller's Grandsons—kidneys
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery
Sandy and Stanley Wilson
Ruth Anne Bush—healing
Sharri Duty
Linda Huff—PTL! Cancer free!
Romey Keith Davis—Music
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Arlette Duty—strength
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health
Donna and Bill Dunn—health
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Stephanie & Jason Terpack—guidance
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son-PTL!
Lisa Bowers—Conard's daughter-PTL!

Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister

Doris Richardson Elmer Mayse

The Waters Family Kevin Duty

Betty Campbell Tim Izer

Dottie Wildberger Ann Riddle

Keon McKahan Nellie Reynolds

Jozy Winans Kenny Duty

Pat Means Buddy Means

Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands

Pat Puckett Curtis Conard

Brenda Burgess Seth Long

Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church

David and Deborah Grace

Our Nation and Leaders

Our Military Service Women and Men

Terrorism in our world

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
