



Sermon Title: "The Glory of Christ at a Little Wedding"

Scripture: John 2:1-12

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Introduction

Note: Christ is rightly seen as _____ whenever His power, His character, His nature, or His work is clearly seen and understood.

John 1:14; John 20:30-31 -

9 miracles in The Gospel According to John...

#1 - The Incarnation, "The Word became flesh." - Chapter 1

#2 - Transformation of Water Into Wine - Chapter 2

#3 - Healing of a Young Man - Chapter 4

#4 - Healing of a Paralyzed Man - Chapter 5

#5 - Feeding of the Multitudes - Chapter 6

#6 - Healing of a Blind Man - Chapter 9

#7 - The Raising of Lazarus - Chapter 11

#8 - The Humbling of the Soldiers & Religious Officers - Chapter 18

#9 - The Resurrection of Jesus Christ - Chapter 20

John 21:25 -

I. Beholding the Glory of Christ

1) Jesus is the Passionate _____ Pursuing the Will of the Father!

Note: Jesus did _____ things like go to weddings.

Luke 15:1-2 -

Hebrews 13:4a - "Let marriage be held in honor among all..."

Note: This was a _____ problem because wine was what everyone drank!

So many questions...

- Why does Jesus call Mary "woman" instead of "mom"?

- Is Jesus being disrespectful to Mary?

- Why does Jesus seem "put off" by her request?

- What is this "hour" that Jesus says hasn't come yet?

- Why does Jesus say what He says to Mary and then solve the problem anyway by doing a miracle? Did Jesus feel bad for what He said? Did He change His mind? Why give such an off-putting answer and then solve the problem like Mary wanted?

Note: The answer to all these questions is summed up in the word "_____".

Luke 2:49; John 5:19; John 6:38 -

Mark 3:31-35 - “And His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, ‘Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking You.’ And He answered them, ‘Who are My mother and My brothers?’ And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, ‘Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother!’”

Luke 11:27-28 - “As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!’ But He said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’”

Note: Jesus did what He did because it was _____ will, NOT Mary’s will.

John 17:1b - “Father, the hour has come...”

Note: Our priority cannot be the desires and plans of man but the will and _____ of God.

Proverbs 29:25 - “The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.”

Galatians 1:10 - “For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

2) Jesus is the Powerful _____ Purifying the Filthy!

Isaiah 1:18 - “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

3) Jesus is the Perfect _____ Providing without any possibility of Failure!

Note: Someone is to blame for the wine running out, and it’s the _____.

Ephesians 5:27 - “...He [Christ] might present the Church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”

Take Home Questions for Further Study...

- 1) Why is it significant that Jesus attended this wedding in Cana of Galilee? What does this teach us about Jesus? What does this teach us about weddings/marriage in general?
- 2) Why does Jesus answer Mary so abruptly? What does His response to Mary reveal about His life, mission, focus, and purpose? What did Jesus want Mary to understand?
- 3) Why did Jesus utilize the stone jars used for ceremonial washing and purification? What kind of cleansing does Jesus offer and provide through His redeeming work?
- 4) Whose fault was it that the wine ran out? Who was supposed to provide for this celebration?
- 5) How is Jesus the perfect Groom? What/How does He provide for His Bride, the Church?