

Miracle Worker

Part One: *water into wine* June 4, 2023

The four Gospels tell us Jesus performed lots of miracles. The Apostle John said all the books in the world could not contain everything Jesus did during his time on earth (John 21:25). In this series, we are going to examine some of Jesus' greatest miracles to get to know Him better and learn to trust Him with every part of our lives!

Why did Jesus perform miracles?

1. Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Messiah.

Jesus performed miracles to support His claims and to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah (Matthew 8:16-17; 11:2-6; John 2:11; 7:31).

2. Jesus performed miracles to show He is the Son of God.

Jesus' miracles proved that He really had supernatural power and that He was indeed God (Matthew 14:32-33; Mark 4:39-41; John 14:11).

3. Jesus performed miracles to show He has authority over all creation.

The One who created and sustains all things has the power and authority over all His creation (Colossians 1:15-20; Mark 4:35-41; 6:45-56; 11:12-25; Luke 5:1-11; John 21:6).

4. Jesus performed miracles to show He deserves to be followed.

At the end of his Gospel, John tells us Jesus' miracles lead us to believe in Him and follow Him because He gives life through the power of His name (John 2:23; 20:30,31)!

5. Jesus performed miracles to show He can give eternal life.

Jesus used miracles to show people He has the power to save them from their sins and give them eternal life in Heaven (Mark 2:1-12; John 6; 11:1-44).

6. Jesus performed miracles to show He cares for people.

Jesus proved He cared about people when He used his divine power to bring them healing and happiness (Matthew 4:23-24; 14:14).

7. Jesus performed miracles to show the future.

Jesus' miracles provide us with a peek at what He is going to do in the future (Revelation 21 & 22). Jesus' miracles are not just a challenge to our minds, but a promise to our hearts, that the world we all want is coming."

Jesus turns water into wine – John 2:1-12

Jesus' first miracle took place at a small wedding celebration in a little village called Cana in Galilee.

- **First, we see Jesus as a guest.**

Vs 1-2

Jesus' mother Mary was already in Cana to help the groom's family organize and carry out the wedding celebration. Jesus and his five or six disciples were also invited to the wedding celebration.

- **Next, we see Jesus as a son.**

Vs. 3–5

Mary knew her eldest son was also the Son of God who had limitless power. He could solve the wine problem with the snap of his fingers. But Jesus responded to his mother, “Dear woman, that’s not my problem. My time has not yet come.” Jesus used the phrase, “My time (literally hour) has not yet come” to inform Mary that He was not yet ready to show people who He was and the power He possessed. The idea of a “heavenly timetable” is seen throughout the Gospel of John (John 7:30; 8:20; 12:23; 13:1; 17:1).

- **Finally, we see Jesus as a problem solver.**

Vs. 6-10

The six stone pots that held 20-30 gallons of water each were for the Jewish custom of purification. The Jews would pour water from these pots over their hands before every meal and between each course to wash off any type of defilement they picked up during the day. The groom’s family needed six pots to serve all the people at the wedding celebration and to purify the cooking instruments, cups, plates, and silverware.

Why did Jesus turn water into wine at the wedding feast?

1st - Jesus’ displayed His glory and increased His disciples’ faith. John 2:11

2nd - Jesus wanted to spread joy. Ecclesiastes 9:7

3rd - Jesus wanted to show He can solve any problem. Matthew 19:26

4th - Jesus wanted to show He came to change things.

Jesus’ first public miracle showed He had come to earth to establish a new covenant between God and man. A covenant made by His blood, which is symbolized with grape juice during communion (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).