

When You Need a Miracle, Try These 3 Truths From the Wedding at Cana

One of my favorite seasons was planning weddings with my daughters. Watching them choose their wedding gowns, bridesmaids' dresses, flowers and venues was so much fun! I'll never forget our oldest daughter's wedding, because Steve officiated and felt sicker and sicker as the reception progressed. The next day, we discovered he had appendicitis, and he had surgery. It's a miracle that he made it through the wedding and that his appendix did not rupture!

Jesus' first miracle of His public ministry was performed at a wedding. John records the story for us in John 2. The wedding took place on a Tuesday. The Hebrew week began on Sunday, and the third day was often chosen for weddings because on the third day of creation, God said, "It was good" twice (Gen. 1:10,12). So, according to Jewish tradition, the third day was twice blessed. Tuesdays also gave guests time to arrive at the wedding, which often consisted of three to seven days of feasting and celebrating. The third day is also a picture of the resurrection power of Christ.

Jesus, His mom and all His disciples were invited to this wedding that took place in Cana. Whoever was getting married was quite popular, and as the celebration continued, the bride and groom ran out of wine. Mary, Jesus' mother, approached Him and told Him that the wine had run out. She knew full well the anointing power of her Son. She then turned to the servants and instructed, "Whatever He says to you, do it" (John 2:5b).

Near Jesus were six large stone water jars, which were used for ceremonial washing. The number six in the Bible often represents man because man was created on the sixth day. These

stone jars represent man's human effort to cleanse himself and make himself right before God. Jesus turned the water into wine, and everyone was thrilled!

This story holds so much for us as believers.

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