

John 2:1-12

1-3. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the **mother of Jesus** was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no more wine."

- **Acts 1:14** "These all continued with one accord in _____ and supplication, with the _____ and _____ the _____ of Jesus, and with His brothers."

Definition: "the MOTHER of JESUS" - The emphasis here is on Mary's relationship to her son, Jesus. As Jesus begins His ministry, she must go from thinking of Him as her son, to thinking of Him as her Lord and Savior. Mary had to believe in Jesus as her Savior, and place her trust in Him, just as we do. The Bible does **NOT** give Mary any special qualities of being without sin, or being an intermediary through whom we must go to get to Jesus or to God the Father. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was **a sinner who needed salvation**, just like the rest of us. In Acts 1:13-15, we see her mentioned along with the other disciples of Jesus, and His half-brothers, her other sons.

- **Luke 1:46** "And _____ said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in _____ my _____."
- **Luke 2:22-24** "Now when the days of her (Mary's) _____ according to the _____ of Moses were completed, they brought Him (baby Jesus) to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the LORD, 'Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.'). and to _____ a _____ according to what is said in the _____ of the Lord, 'A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.'"

Definition: "To OFFER a SACRIFICE" - This was a SIN OFFERING. If Mary had been SINLESS, she would not have had to **offer a SIN OFFERING for HER SIN** (see Lev. 12:2-8).

- **Leviticus 12:6-7** "When the days of her purification are fulfilled, whether for a son or daughter, she shall bring to the priest a _____ of the first year as a burnt offering, and a young _____ or a turtledove as a _____ offering, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then he (the priest) shall _____ it before the Lord, and make _____ for _____. And she shall be clean from the flow of her blood. This is the law for her who has borne a male or a female [baby]."

4. Jesus said to her, "**Woman**, what does your concern have to do with Me? **My hour has not yet come.**"

- **John 19:25-26** "When Jesus therefore saw His _____, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "_____, behold your son!"

Definition: "My HOUR has NOT YET COME" - This phrase occurs several times in the Gospel of John (John 7:6-8 & 30; 8:20), and it is referring to His DEATH on the CROSS. His death on the cross was the whole purpose for why He came, and it was planned by God the Father down to the last detail, including the day and time. Jesus did not want to call too much attention to Himself, **until the right time**, so that events would not take place before His time. That is why many times **He told people not to say anything after He healed them or did a miracle**. Then, when the time

was near, He did an extremely visible miracle, that of raising Lazarus from the dead, to set the final touches to God's plan.

Definition: "WOMAN" - Jesus does not show His mother **any special consideration, or call her by any special title** - no more than for any other woman. Again, this contradicts what is taught about Mary by the Roman Catholic religion. However, Jesus did love and care for His mother. When He was on the cross, He asked the disciple John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved") to take care of His mother after His death (see John 19:25-26).

5-7. His mother said to the servants, "**Whatever He says to you, do it.**" Now there were six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them to the brim.

- **Matthew 7:24-27** "Therefore whoever hears these _____ of _____, and _____ them, I will liken him to a _____ man who built his house on the rock; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not _____, for it was founded on the _____."

Definition: "Whatever He says to you, do it" - Mary has no idea **what** Jesus will do, but **she has faith that He will take care of the situation.** WE SHOULD HAVE this **SAME KIND OF FAITH.** That means, we don't have to try to figure out how the Lord will DO IT, or try to tell Him HOW He has to answer our prayers, but just TRUST HIM. Also, true OBEDIENCE is to obey God's commands that we read in His word, even when we don't fully understand them.

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** "_____ in the Lord with all your _____, and do _____ lean (rely, trust) on your own _____; in all your ways acknowledge _____, and He shall _____ your paths."
- **Romans 4:20-21** "He (Abraham) did not waver at (doubt) the _____ of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in _____, giving _____ to God, and being fully _____ that what He had promised He was also able to _____."

8-10. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the **WATER that was made WINE**, and did not know where it came from (**but the servants knew**), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then that which is inferior; but you have kept the good wine until now."

- **John 4:46** "So Jesus came again to _____ of Galilee where He had _____ the _____ wine."

Definition: "But the SERVANTS KNEW" - Jesus' first miracle was not done in public, before great CROWDS of people. Of all those at the wedding, only Jesus' own disciples, His mother, and **the servants who drew the water** knew that a miracle had been done when He turned the water into wine.

11. This BEGINNING of SIGNS Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and **MANIFESTED His GLORY**; and **His disciples believed in Him.**

- **John 1:14** "And the WORD became FLESH and DWELT (LIVED) among us, and we beheld His _____, the _____ as of the only begotten of the Father, full of _____ and truth.
- **John 4:54** "This again is the _____ sign (miracle) that Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee."

Definition: "BEGINNING of SIGNS" - John tells us here that these are the first miracles Jesus has done at the beginning of His ministry. A "**sign**" was a special kind of miracle **for the PURPOSE of SHOWING that Jesus is God!** Other miracles that Jesus did, He just did because He had compassion on the people who were hurting, but a **SIGN** was done with the specific purpose of **POINTING** people **to JESUS and WHO He is.**

Definition: "MANIFESTED His GLORY" - This miracle was a miracle of CREATION, and it manifested (showed, demonstrated) Jesus' power as the Creator. Wine usually is made from grapes, which grow out of the ground, and need water and sun (and time) to grow. Jesus didn't need to go through these steps, but **CREATED** the wine **DIRECTLY.** He did a similar miracle of **DIRECT CREATION** when He fed the five thousand and the four thousand by multiplying the bread and fish (see Matthew 14:14-21, Mark 6:32-44, Luke 9:10-17).

- **Read John 6:5-14** (Verse 11) "And Jesus took the _____, and when He had given thanks He _____ them to the disciples, and the disciples [distributed] to those sitting down; and likewise of the _____, as _____ as they wanted." (Verse 14) "Then those men, when they had _____ the _____ that Jesus did, said, 'This is truly the Prophet (Messiah) who is to come into the world.'"

12. After this He went down to Capernaum, He, **His mother, His brothers, and His disciples;** and they did not stay there many days.

- **Matthew 13:55-56** "Is this not the _____ son? Is not His _____ called _____? And His _____ James, Joses, Simon and Judas? And His _____, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"

Definition: "His BROTHERS, and His DISCIPLES" - As stated in Lesson #4, Mary and Joseph **DID** have other children after Jesus, and these would have been Jesus' **HALF-brothers** and **HALF-sisters**, since He was born of a virgin, and was **NOT** the biological son of Joseph (see Matthew 1:24-25, which contradicts the teaching of the Roman Catholic religion, which says that Mary remained a virgin all her life). Early in Jesus' ministry, **His brothers are mentioned separately from His DISCIPLES,** but later, His mother and brothers became Believers and disciples in the early church (see Acts 1:14). Of His brothers, the most well-known are Judas and James. His brother James later became the head of the early church in Jerusalem, and was the author of the book of James, and Judas (Judah in Hebrew) wrote the book of Jude.

- **Galatians 1:18-19** "Then after three years I went up to _____ to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other _____ except _____, the Lord's _____."