



Believing Christ - Responding to John's Gospel

John 2:1-11 "The Best Wine Yet"

Book of Signs (John chapters 2 to 12)

- 1) Turning Water Into Wine (John 2:1-12) ...
- 2) Healing the Nobleman's Son (John 4:46-54) ...
- 3) Healing the Man at the Pool (John 5:1-11) ...
- 4) Feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:1-15) ...
- 5) Walking on Water (John 6:16-21) ...
- 6) Healing a Man Born Blind (John 9:1-12) ...
- 7) Resurrecting Lazarus (John 11)

Verse 1-5

Vs 4 – Jesus calls Mary his mother ‘woman’ – see John 19:26

“My hour has not come” – Jesus walked according to God’s time-table (see John 7:30; 8:20; 12:23; 13:1; 17:1)

Vs 5 – “Do whatever He tells you.”

Mary "was the model disciple, humbly leaving it all to Jesus and trusting in his wisdom, even when she did not understand."

John Osborne, *The Gospel of John - Tyndale Cornerstone Biblical Commentary*, Tyndale House:2007, page 44).

Verse 6-10

Vs 6 – Water used for purification – washing of hands and utensils used.

"The water, provided for purification as laid down by Jewish law and custom, stands for the whole ancient order of Jewish ceremonial, which Christ was to replace by something better."

F. F. Bruce, *The Gospel & Epistles of John*, Eerdmans: 1983, page 71).

Moses first plague was to turn water into blood (Exodus 7:17-21).

Jesus first miracle was to turn water into wine.

As the wine was *after* the water, so the New Covenant comes *after* the Old Covenant.

As the wine came *from* the water, so the New Covenant comes *from* the Old Covenant.

And as the wine was *better than* the water; so the New Covenant is *better than* the Old Covenant.

Verse 11

"This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him."

The Signs were not just a show of His power, but a revealing of His very identity. (John 20:30-31)

APPLICATION

- Put your faith in Jesus – in Who He is – John 2:11
- Obey everything He tells you to – John 2:5