

“Seeing God’s Clues to Belief” John 2:1-11

And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.
Matthew 28:17 (English Standard Version)

Take-home truth: Miracles are clues from God that reveal His existence and invite belief in Jesus.

● THE SETTING

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.
John 2:1-2 (ESV)

John 1-12 = Act 1 of the Gospel of John = [a progressive display](#) of Jesus’ Messiahship

● THE NEED

When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”
John 2:3-5 (ESV)

“Woman” - See John 19:26.

“Hour” refers to Jesus’ [death on the cross](#). (See John 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 17:1)

● THE MIRACLE

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” John 2:6-10 (ESV)

● THE REASON

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. John 2:11 (ESV)

- “. . . first of his signs . . .”

Miracles are significant displays of [supernatural power](#) that point beyond themselves to God for all who can perceive with the eyes of faith.

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31 (ESV)

- “. . . manifested his glory . . .”

“Glory” = Hebrew word, *Shekinah* = the glory of God that God made visible in the tabernacle and the temple

- “. . . And his disciples believed in him.”