

A REASON TO PUT FAITH IN JESUS

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Believing Into Life, Part 6

MAIN IDEA: Because Jesus is the One with the creative power to change water into wine, you can trust him with your life and every difficult situation you come across.

^{1:50} Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

^{2:1} On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”

⁴ “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” (John 12:23, 27, 13:1; 17:1)

⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. **John 1:50-2:11**

1) This is a SIGN pointing to a reality. The God of glory has stepped into our world, flesh and blood.

2) This Reveals/Manifests his glory. (1 Cor. 12:7) The Invisible God has now become visible!

“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.”

Colossians 1:15 NLT

“And the Word became flesh and took up residence among us, and we saw his glory, glory as of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth.” **Jn 1:14** LEB

3) His followers believed in him. (Mk. 4:41) For us, as we come to know him more, we are increasingly transformed.

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.” **2 Corinthians 3:18** ESV

WHAT ARE WE TO TAKE FROM THIS?

- **This story is about Jesus being unveiled as God’s Son *become flesh*, and his glory peeking through.**
- **This story is about a Reason to Believe.**
- **Jesus himself replaces all incomplete religion.** (Rom. 8:3-4)
- **Jesus is able to change you from one thing to something completely new and different.** (2 Cor. 5:17)
- **In Jesus, heaven is opened—heaven & earth meet wherever Jesus is!**

“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” **1 John 4:4** (Col. 1:27)
- **Jesus brings the real party!** (Romans 14:17)