

That You Might Believe

◆ A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN ◆



"These things are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life in His name." John 20:31

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Subject: 'The first miracle' (John 2:1-11)

- 1. The first miracle showed Christ's glory (2:11).** John calls Christ's miracles 'signs' (semeia). He does not have any reservation about the operation of the supernatural in respect to these mighty works of power. He is concerned, though, to see beyond the miracles to see their significance; they are signs, or special actions of Jesus which reveal His glory to those who believe and which confront others with the need to decide about Jesus.
- 2. The first miracle showed Christ's glory by showing that true religion is consistent with ordinary life.** It is easier to be separated from the world, than, like the Saviour to be in it but not of it. Must we make ourselves other than human beings before we can become saints?
- 3. The first miracle showed Christ's glory by teaching the beauty of waiting for God.** Mary had to learn that even Christ's service for the kingdom of God is determined solely by His Father and He must wait for Him. This is almost the hardest lesson in Christian living. We must learn to be not a moment behind God, but, not a moment before Him.
- 4. The first miracle showed Christ's glory by showing that Christ's gift is greater than all the law with its emphasis on washing (Mark 7:3; Luke 7:44) could ever do (Jer. 31:31-34; Ezek. 36:25-27; 2 Cor. 5:14-17).**
- 5. The first miracle showed Christ's glory by the ascending scale of God's gifts. The Devil gives his best first and his worst last.** The Lord Jesus is always giving something better. Note that the first miracle is a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7)

'God never ends with an end. God ends with a new beginning.'

- DAVID GOODING