

## **John 2:1–12**

### **Glimpse Behind the Veil**

*One of the best skillsets Superman possessed was x-ray vision. He could see through walls and observe what was hidden to the naked eye. We mere humans do not possess such a skill. We are often blind to what lies behind a wall or even a veil. When we do catch a glimpse of what was formerly hidden, we experience a small adrenaline rush. How much more so, when we catch a glimpse of God's formerly-hidden-but-now visible activity.*

***Not Everyone who Experiences the Glory of God fully Recognizes what they Experience.***

#### ***Read Passage***

##### ***A. Teaching this Passage***

###### **1. Questions to answer**

- A. What is significant about “the third day”?
- B. *Who is this “mother of Jesus”?*
- C. How many disciples are in Cana with Jesus?
- D. *What does Jesus’ response to his mother actually imply?*
- E. *What is significant about Jesus “hour”?*
- F. *What meaning do these six water pots hold?*
- G. Where do they draw the water from to fill the pots?
- H. Where do they draw the water to take to the headwaiter?
- I. What significance does wine have, especially good wine?
- J. How is this the beginning of Jesus’ signs?
- K. Does Cana have greater importance since it is mentioned twice?
- L. *What is this glory Jesus manifests?*
- M. Who is accompanying Jesus?

- A. His mother
  - B. His brothers
  - C. His disciples
- N. What is significant about them staying in Capernaum a few days?

## **2. Context to Consider**

- A. Relationship to John 1 – the third day
- B. Relationship to John 4:46–54 – the beginning of his signs at Cana
- C. Relationship to John 7:1–9 – his brothers
- D. Relationship to John 13:1 – his hour
- E. Relationship to John 19:25–27 – his mother
- F. Relationship to John 20:8–10 & 28–29 – believing

## ***B. Preaching this Passage***

### **1. Identify Key Questions**

- A. Who experienced the provision of this superior wine at the Wedding in Cana of Galilee?
- B. Who responded to this display of God’s Glory with trust?
- C. Who did not?

## ***C. The Disciples with Jesus Believed in Him because they Anticipated Something in Him***

### **1. They were already following Jesus for a short time**

- A. Day One – Jn 1:19, Day Two – Jn 1:29
- B. Day Three – Jn 1:35
  - A. Andrew and the other disciple
  - B. Simon “Cephas or Peter”
- C. Day Four – Jn 1:43
  - A. Philip
  - B. Nathanael
- D. Days Five, Six & Seven – Jn 2:1

***D. Why are The Disciples the only ones described as responding to this scene with trust?***

**1. I suggest that his brothers and mother had “normalized” Jesus within their own lives**

A. His extraordinary activities had become ordinary

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***Secondary Passage: John 1:4–5***

**God is Present and Active and Powerful and Creative in our world (Rom 4:16-17 on screen)**

**Our Response to God’s present activity reflects our Anticipation of God being at work**

**The Glory of God is not restricted to a holy space behind a veil**

**The Glory of God is experienced through the incarnation of Jesus**