

## How do I Delight myself in the LORD?

- Get to know God better through His word by studying
  1. Stuff:
    - Quiet Place
    - Bible
    - Pen (scribble stick)
    - Paper
  2. Opening Prayer
    - Thanks
    - Ask
    - Believe
    - Expect
- Get to know God better through His word by studying
  - Write:
    - What does it say?
    - What did that mean to the original recipients?
    - What does that mean to us?
    - What does that mean to me?
  - Closing Prayer
    - Adore / Praise
    - Confess
    - Thanks
    - Request

## Last week: Abraham on the edge with Isaac

- Abraham displays outrageous faith!
- Experiences what it is to be brought right to the edge!
- Lessons on faith at the edge (testing!), cannot be learned anywhere else, nor in any other time!

## *John 2:11*

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## Our passage for today is: John 2:1-12

- Introduction to the Gospel of John.
  - Written by John, disciple of Jesus, son of Zebedee, Beloved disciple (humble).
  - May have known of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.
  - May have taken some time to write, likely written towards the last quarter of the 1<sup>st</sup> century.
- Reason for writing and specifically for writing about signs:

*John 20:30,31*

*Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*

*John 21:25*

*And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.*

## John 2:1-8

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him.

## John 2:9-12

When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him. After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days.

## Let's unpack our passage

- Who are the players?
  - Bridegroom, Bride, Headwaiter of the wedding
  - Mother of Jesus (Mary, but not named)
  - Disciples
  - Servants
  - Other guests

## What happened?

- Wedding feast in middle east at this time.
- Mother, Jesus, disciples invited.
- Consumption of wine.
- Exchange between Mary and Jesus.
- Ceremonial jars, 6 at twenty to thirty gallons each.
- Fill the jars.
- Serve the Headwaiter. "You saved the best for last."
- Jesus manifested His glory.
- Disciples believed.

## Molecules found in water

- Hydrogen
- Oxygen

## Ingredients found in grape juice

- Resvatrol
- Anthocyanins
- Polyphenolics
- Catechins
- Malic acid
- Sugar
- Tartaric acid
- Potassium
- Alpha-linolenic acid
- Ellagic acid
- Myricetin
- Quercetin
- Kaempferol
- Syringetin
- Laricitrin
- Oligomeric procyanidins
- Linoleic acid
- Oleic acid

## Ingredients found in wine

- phenolic compounds
- chitinases
- glucose
- fructose
- sucrose
- yeast assimilable nitrogen
- linalool
- terpineol
- glutathione
- methoxypyrazines
- ethyl acetate
- sulfur dioxide
- malic acid
- lactic acid
- acetic acid
- butyric acid
- sorbic acid
- succinic acid
- ammonium sulphite
- potassium ferrocyanide
- calcium phytate
- citric acid
- calcium tartrate
- potassium bitartrate
- anthocyanone
- tartaric acid
- calcium alginate
- potassium alginate
- potassium caseinate
- casein
- isinglass
- silicon dioxide
- edible gelatine
- milk/lactalbumin
- proteins of plant origin
- ovalbumin (egg white)
- aluminosilicates
- ferrous sulfate
- polyvinyl-pyrrolidone (PVPP)
- activated charcoal
- lactic bacteria
- neutral potassium tartrate
- potassium bicarbonate
- calcium carbonate
- copper sulfate
- oak chips
- metatartaric acid
- concentrated grape must
- rectified concentrated grape must
- Wine lactone
- saccharose
- tannin
- oxygen
- beta-glucanase
- pectolytics
- urease
- fresh lees
- ammonium bisulphite
- thiamine hydrochloride
- yeast cell walls
- yeasts for wine production
- diammonium phosphate
- ammonium sulphate
- yeast mannoproteins
- Preservatives sorbic acid
- argon
- nitrogen
- potassium bisulphite
- dimethyl dicarbonate (DMDC)
- carbon dioxide
- potassium metabisulphite/disulfite
- allyl isothiocyanate
- lysozyme
- potassium sorbate
- ascorbic acid
- melatonin

## John's telling of miracles in the gospel

- There are a total of about 35 miracles in the gospels.
- John has a total of 7 that are "signs."
- Only John records this first miracle (sign).
- It is significant to John because of the effect.

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## Jesus and His mother

- No name ascribed by John?
- “They have no wine.”
- “Woman, what does that have to do with us.”
- “My hour has not yet come.”
- “Whatever He says to you, do it.”

Mary does not tell Jesus what to do.  
Mary leaves the result up to Jesus.

## Jesus and the servants

- “Fill the waterpots with water.”
- Obedience.
- “Take some to the Headwaiter.”
- Headwaiter does not know. Wedding couple do not know.
  - Can you imagine being the wedding couple and being just a nameless footnote to a bigger story on the biggest grandest day of your life?
- Servants know. Disciples know.

Obeying God helps us know more.  
Sometimes we can know the reason.

## What are the takeaways for us?

- Believe: That the purpose of the miracle is to bring Jesus glory.
- Believe: That the signs point to Jesus as the Son of God.
- Believe: In the saving power of Jesus and have everlasting life.
- Believe: It is better to seek the Giver than just settle for the gifts.