

YOU SEE THE SIGNS

JOHN 2:1-12

Please personalize answers to the questions in the lesson by answering “I”, not “you”!

BACKGROUND: Miracles are a sign to teach spiritual truths.

THAT MARY BELIEVED. Wine in the Bible is a “symbol of joy” and on this joyous occasion the “joy” had run out. Mary knew that her son was the Son of God and quite capable of solving the problem. Jesus turned the water into wine and gave temporary joy to the wedding guests, but for the believer He gives permanent joy that is “ever new and ever satisfying”. Warren W. Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary, New Testament, Volume 1. (John 2:1-5, fn 2:1-3, fn 2:5, Psalm 104:15, John 15:11 fn 15:11, John 16:23, 24, fn 16:23-27, John 17:13, fn 17:13) *How could you have joy each day?*

THAT OTHERS MISSED THE POINT. For the servants and most of the others there, this miracle was just a happening in the struggles of daily life. But for the believer, this first miracle of Jesus points to Who He is and that following Him is going to change your life forever. (John 2:6-10, fn 2:6, fn 2:10, II Corinthians 4:4, fn 4:3, 4, II Corinthians 5:14-17, fn 5:17) *Why is this miracle exciting for you?*

THAT THE DISCIPLES BELIEVED. The disciples’ belief was confirmed as they saw the miracles. Jesus, near the end of His earthly life, prayed for those who would believe through hearing the message that the disciples would share. Faith comes to us when we hear the message, the Word about Christ. (John 2:11, 12, fn 2:11, Romans 10:17, John 17:20, fn 17:20, John 20:26-31, fn 20:29, Romans 1:16, 17, fn 1:17) *What spiritual truth did you learn from this miracle?*

Check up—How is your relationship with your neighbor, your spouse, and your Lord? Do your actions show that you are being led by the Holy Spirit?

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