

2. Christ's miracles in the events of life.

'Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.' John 2:6 NIV

'Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.' John 2:7 NIV

'Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 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."' John 2:8-10 NIV

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'This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.' John 2:11 NIV

'After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.' John 2:12 NIV

'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.'

Romans 10:13-17 NIV

'God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3:16 NIV

'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.' John 1:14 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What is something you once believed without any evidence? Why did you believe it?
2. How would you describe the difference between faith and belief?
3. The apostle John describes coming to faith as a process that starts with seeing actual events that served as signs of who Jesus was. Today, we can only hear or read about those events. Should the fact that we are not eyewitnesses to Jesus' miracles affect the process of someone coming to faith? Why or why not?
4. Read John 2:2-11.
 - How familiar is this story to you? Is there anything you just read that stands out as new information?
 - What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe that this actually happened?
 - In verse 9, how would you have reacted if you were "one of the servants" at the wedding and just witnessed what Jesus did?
 - In verse 10, consider the master of the banquet's statement. How might that be a foreshadowing of the coming shift from the sacrificial system to Jesus being the ultimate sacrifice?
5. What are some characteristics about Jesus that come to mind as a result of this story?
6. Does looking at this story as a "sign" instead of just a "miracle" change anything about your view of God? How might it shape how you approach the miracles of Jesus?

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