

## Chapter 2

John 1 sets this up, you can't have chapter 2 without chapter 1. This is God, the Light, the Lamb, the Word, etc!

- v. 1 **Third day** — Meaning three days later from the end of John 1. The type is found here in a wedding feast celebrated on the third day (2 Peter 3:8; Revelation 19:7, 8). The term can refer to Christ's resurrection or His Millennial Reign. See Genesis 22:4; Exodus 19:11, 16; 2 Kings 20:5; Esther 5:1; Hosea 6:2; 1 Corinthians 15:4.  
**Mother of Jesus** — Mary is the mother of Jesus humanly speaking, but not the mother of eternal God. Since there is no mention of Joseph, he is probably dead.
- v. 2 It will be Jesus and his disciples involved in the marriage supper of the lamb.  
**Wine** — Like cider, wine can mean fermented or grape juice.
- v. 4 **Woman** — He didn't address her as mother, or even Mary. Religious people today call her both.  
**Mine hour** — His death, see John 7:30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 16:32; 17:1.
- v. 5 **Do it** — Mary wants everyone to obey what Christ says. This would include not praying to saints, calling no man your father, etc. Christianity fails when we don't obey what Christ tells us.
- v. 6 The empty waterpots picture the thirsty sinner who has no water (word) or wine (joy). It takes the Messiah to remedy this for the sinner and Israel.  
**Firkin** — about 9 gallons. This would make each waterpot hold about 27 gallons for a total of 162 gallons.
- v. 7 **Water** — The Bible tells us to be filled with the Holy Ghost, which means His Word, which is represented here by the water. See Ephesians 5:26; Psalm 119:9; John 15:3; 17:17; Ephesians 5:18, 19; Colossians 3:16. If we obey this request, God will do the rest. Even if the request seems foolish, we must obey anyway as they did here. See 1 Corinthians 1:18-27; 2:14; 3:19.
- v. 9 **Tasted** — If the Roman Catholic Church turns wine into blood, it should taste like it.  
Just as the servants knew, we know things about God that others don't.
- v. 10 This is a supernatural miracle and the product was better than anything ever made before.  
**Well drunk** — Meaning past tense, not intoxicated. See 1 Samuel 1:9. If this were alcohol, Jesus would have been guilty of Habakkuk 2:15; Proverbs 23:31; Romans 13:13, 14. If Jesus' blood is pure, this was not alcohol because alcohol is fermented with yeast (leaven).

**Good wine** — The wine is what Jesus will drink with us in Heaven. See Matthew 26:27-29; Isaiah 65:8; Genesis 40:10, 11; Song of Solomon 7:8, 9. A casual drinker is a casual Bible reader. See pages 150-152 of *Alcohol Today: Abstinence in An Age of Indulgence*.

- v. 11 **Beginning of miracles** — Jesus did no miracles as a child despite what some religions teach.  
Salvation is the beginning of miracles for us.  
This is the first miracle of the New Testament (joy). In the garden, turning water to blood was the first miracle shown publicly (wrath). Adam probably started out with water in his veins which turned to blood. Moses – water to blood was his first public miracle.  
**Manifested forth his glory** — In this same chapter He cleanses the temple. He brings a new order and condemns defilement. Why anything different with the wine?  
Jesus restored sight to the blind as the Light of the world.  
He multiplied the loaves as the Bread of Life.  
He raised Lazarus as the Resurrection and the Life.  
He changed water to wine as the True Vine.
- v. 14 People were buying animals to sacrifice. They were beating the system.
- v. 15 **Scourge** — A whip. This is righteous indignation and shows you can be angry without sinning. See Matthew 5:22; Ephesians 4:26.
- v. 16 Notice that the doves were not driven out like the other animals. The second time Jesus does this, he drives only the people out (Mark 11:15-17). He is not pleased with the commercialization of His house.
- v. 17 See Psalm 69:8, 9 which proves neither Mary or Joseph were perpetual virgins.
- v. 19 See also Matthew 12:38-40 where He responds the same way to a sign being sought. The sign is His resurrection.
- V. 20 This is the third temple:  
1) Solomon's — Destroyed by Nebuchednezzar.  
2) Ezra's — Destroyed by Antiochus Epiphanes.  
3 Herod's — Destroyed by Titus.
- v. 22 **Remembered** — The disciples never fully comprehended Jesus' resurrection until after it happened.  
**And the word** — The scripture and the word are equal here.
- v. 23 They believed only because of the miracles — See John 6:24-26.
- v. 25 **He knew** — Jesus knew their motives were wrong and their hearts wicked.