
The Wedding Feast at Cana

4-3: The Seven Miracles: Signs for Believing.

Signs are meant to point to something beyond themselves. The signs we are most familiar with are advertisements; and although often elaborate and impressive they point to a product beyond themselves. You will find in the reading of John in this chapter and the six more to follow that are centered around the miracle-signs that they point primarily to what Jesus taught and did. And even the signs have a deeper meaning than to pass out a miracle. For example you might consider below a deeper meaning to the seven miracle-signs of John.

1. Water into WINE: faith in Jesus as co-creator of the processes of nature.

The water into wine was used by Jesus to attract attention. This was shortly after His 12 disciples started to follow Him, and He wanted them to believe in Him. And right now, you should be aware that all the leap of faith to believe that Jesus can and did perform miracles you need is to be in the first chapter of John. In fact the giant leap of faith, is found in the first three verses of the first chapter.

"In the beginning {notice how John started it like the Creation story in Genesis} was the Word {this word of "Word" for Jesus Christ was given to John when he previously wrote the book of Revelation (Revelation 19:13), and it naturally implied that Jesus was a lot more than the God-man when He coexisted with God the Father before and during the Creation of the universe}, and the Word was with God {get it, Jesus was with God before and during Creation}, and the Word was God. {Well, this is a giant leap of faith that most of the Christian world believes, that Jesus like the Father and the Holy Spirit is God. God is three distinct Persons, and they are one in the sense that they are all three God and in that they teach the same, are the same in character and personality, and work the same way.} All things were made through {one of the largest words in John and in the Bible, that Jesus the pre-existent Christ and Word was the mediator in Creation: in fact what you will find as one scholar has said is that "God the Father is the originating cause in Creation and in many other ways, God the Son is the mediating cause, and God the Spirit is the effective cause.} ...Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." (John 1:1-3 with comments)

Furthermore of Jesus as the Master of the world environment and natural processes, Paul would later write in Colossians "through Him all things consist" (Colossians 1:16-18) Hanging right in there with gravity and the laws of gravitational attraction between heavenly bodies and the earth, and photosynthesis, and

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winds and other weather patterns and climate changes is Jesus holding them all together, and Master over them! Believe that, it is a matter of logic that the God-man when on earth would naturally exhibit some control over the nature through which He had been the medium of Creation. It was not possible that the humanity in Jesus could completely dominate the God that was in Him as the Son of God.

But even as scholars have said, "the fundamental postulate of all rational thinking is God" and the Bible says, "the fool has said in his heart {in his "heart" as his head knows better} there is no God, so it just makes sense when there is a complicated design like the way the universe grows, processes, and holds together, a complicated design like the human body, personality, and soul and spirit, a complicated design like a snowflake and an apple and water and the periodic table and the modified Bohr theory of the atom and light which sometimes behaves like waves and sometimes like particles...that is, such complicated design and designs demand a Designer. If a heathen in the jungle of South America found a Printed Circuit Board fallen from a Satellite in orbit, perhaps from the Satellite shot down by the KW and SM-3 we designed, tested, and developed at Raytheon for the Navy, even such backward people as far as intellectual processes would look for a designer.

2. Healing of the Nobleman's SON: faith in Jesus, to see, to work and heal at a distance.

You are going to see time and time again from the reading of the Gospel of John as presented 7 times in 7 chapters and interspersed in this book, that Jesus worked because He saw His Father work, and because that is what His Father instructed Him to do when He came to planet earth. God the Father has been in the healing business for thousands of years since His Creation of man in the first place; and because God heals as the distance of from heaven to earth, Jesus also heals as the Son of God at a distance. God loves, Jesus loves; God cares, Jesus cares; God heals, Jesus heals; God works, Jesus works; and God saves, Jesus saves. **{This is the main way They are One as Jesus so aptly presents in John 14.} In fact, we might easily expand this to say that Jesus was also the mediating cause in Old Testament history when God was originating a healing process just like today Jesus is the mediating cause in prayer--we pray through Jesus to the Father as He is on the right hand of the Father making intercession for our sins--when we pray to God the Father as Jesus taught us to do in the model prayer.}**

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3. Jesus' command to take up his bed and walk: faith in Jesus as superior to all other healers.
4. His feeding of the five thousand: faith in Jesus to multiply a little to meet the needs of many.
5. Jesus walking on water: faith in Jesus as Master of Nature and the Universe.
6. Sight to the man born blind, considered a matter of sin: faith in Jesus for physical and spiritual healing.
7. Lazarus raised from the dead after four days: faith in Jesus as Life itself and Resurrection.

4-4: "Believe" is the Positive Approach to the Negative of "Unbelief".

Both "believe" and "unbelief", believers and unbelievers are in the Bible, and we would dare not neglect any portion of the Bible as Word given from God Himself. However, at the same time note that the Gospel of John under the leadership of the Holy Spirit of God {yes, the effecting cause in the writing of Scripture also}, chose predominately the positive approach of "believe". No other book of the Bible uses the word "believe" like the Apostle John in the Gospel of John, and no other book has its stated objective and purpose as John has in John 20:30,31 recorded in the very body of the book.