



THE SIGN OF HIS GLORY

BIG IDEA: Jesus's work in our lives is for His glory.

DATE: Sunday, January 11 and Wednesday, January 14, 2026

SCRIPTURE: John 2:1-11

OPENING QUESTION

What's an accomplishment in your family's life that you are proud of? *How did you see God at work in that situation? How can you give Him the glory for this achievement?*

SETTING THE STAGE

In Scripture, Cana is mentioned only in the Gospel of John. The word Cana means "place of reeds" or "nest." Its exact location, though, is unclear. Archaeologists favor an area about eight miles north of Nazareth that overlooks a marshy plain, which may reflect its being a place of reeds. Excavations indicate a population of about twelve hundred. By contrast, other nearby villages had populations that reached only about four hundred. The excavated synagogue indicates Cana had a strong Jewish population. Further, archaeologists excavated stone jars from the site; each jar held about twenty to thirty gallons.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11 (CSB)

On the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee. Jesus's mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples were invited to the wedding as well.³ When the wine ran out, Jesus's mother told him, "They don't have any wine."⁴ "What has this concern of yours to do with me, woman?" Jesus asked. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ "Do whatever he tells you", his mother told the servants.⁶ Now six stone water jars had been set there for Jewish purification. Each contained twenty or thirty gallons.⁷ "Fill the jars with water," Jesus told them. So, they filled them to the brim.⁸ Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the headwaiter." And they did.

⁹ When the headwaiter tasted the water (after it had become wine), he did not know where it came from—though the servants who had drawn the water knew. He called the groom¹⁰ and told him, "Everyone sets out the fine wine first, then, after people are drunk, the inferior. But you have kept the fine wine until now."¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

DISCUSSION

TRUST HIS TIMING

READ JOHN 2:1-4

- Have you ever been at a wedding and they ran out of something? Maybe it was food, favors, or even seats? What was that like?
- How can we value God's timing above our own sense of urgency?
- When have you felt frustrated that God's timing wasn't the same as your timing?

OBEY HIS COMMANDS

READ JOHN 2:5-8

- Why is it hard sometimes to do what Jesus tells us to do?
- When has God asked you to do something that didn't make sense to you? What happened? How have you discovered that the rewards of obeying Jesus far outweigh the risks?

Activity: *God's Timeline vs. My Own*

Rate yourself on a scale of 0 to 5, with 0 being NOT TRUE and 5 being VERY TRUE.

- When God doesn't act according to my timeline, I patiently watch to see what He is doing.
- When challenging situations come, I quickly turn to the Lord in faith.
- When I have a need, I struggle to depend on God, finding it hard to wait.
- Even when it's not how I would handle it, I do what God tells me to do, because I know it's for my good and His glory.

SEE HIS MIRACLES

READ JOHN 2:9-11

Note Jesus did not just change the color of the water - He turned the water into a completely different substance. This was not a chemistry experiment; it was a miracle of God!

Consider these three areas when it comes to trials we face:

We question the source of our challenge. Is God upset with me? Did I do something wrong? Why me?

We get advice from the wrong people. We may even go to those who haven't seen God's work in their own lives.

We question the purpose of the trial. As a result, we can miss seeing the opportunity to let God work through us.

RESPONSE

Remember, Jesus's work in your life is for *His* glory. Think about some recent decisions, motivations, and actions taken in your life. How can you use these things to glorify God and point people to Jesus? Praise God for the work He is doing. Write down two or three steps of obedience God is calling you to. Pray about how you can begin to act on those things.

100 DAY BIBLE CHALLENGE: READING PLAN

WEEK 2: 1/11-Genesis 12; 1/12-Genesis 13; 1/13-Genesis 14; 1/14-Genesis 15; 1/15-Hebrews 4; 1/16-Hebrews 5; 1/17-Galatians 3