**R1021 Rumination for August 18, 2024**

The **T**heme: **The Miracle of Turning Water into Wine.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *When ﻿the ruler of the feast had tasted ﻿the* ***W****ater that was made* ***W****ine…,* John 2:9a (1-11)

The **T**hots:

1. **The Mystery of the Event. Jn. 2:1-5**
2. The **W**edding – whose was it?
3. Was it Nathanael’s (?) – *Nathanael* [was mentioned to be] *of Cana in Galilee.* cf. Jn. 21:2
4. Was it Apostle John’s (?) – perhaps the reason for the lack of identification.
5. The **W**ords of Jesus to Mary –

*Jesus saith unto her, ﻿****Woman****, ﻿what have I to do with thee? ﻿Mine hour is not yet come.* 2:4

1. Note: **J**ohn never used **M**ary’s name for the “***M****other*” of Jesus in his Gospel.

Contrast Matthew: Mt. 1:16; 18, 20; 2:11

*And* ***J****acob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ*.

1. **J**esus will not work as a son to an earth**ly** “*Mother*”; but as a Son to His Heaven**ly** Father.
2. The **W**ine – was it fermented or unfermented? *Thou hast kept the good wine until now.* Jn. 2:10

Neither! – it was God’s own creation and it was very good!

*And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.* Cf. Gen. 1:31

1. **The Miracle of the Event. Jn. 2:6-7**
2. It **S**ets forth **S**ocie**ty**’s Vani**ty** and “**E**mp**ty”**-ness.
3. They had no **W**ine; the **W**aterpots were empty – “***W****ine*” is a figure of joy cf. the joy of salvation –
4. *Eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy* **W**ine *with a merry heart…* Eccl. 9:7
5. *And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: It shall rejoice in His salvation.* Ps 35:9
6. Hence, the vanity of the **W**orld’s so-called happiness. Col. 2:8

*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men,*

*after the rudiments of the* ***W****orld, and not after Christ.*

1. It **S**hows the **S**ervants’ Obedient Activi**ties.**
2. They **F**illed the waterpots to the **F**ull brim – *And they filled them up to the brim.* Jn. 2:7
3. They did not **O**nly **O**bey, they Obeyed to the **F**ullest, though they were not aware

of what Christ was going to do as He had not performed any miracle before that. 2:11

*This beginning of miracles did Jesus in ﻿Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth ﻿his glory.*

1. It **S**ets forth the **S**aviour’s **S**overeignty. 2:8. 9

*And He saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.*

*When ﻿the ruler of the feast had tasted ﻿the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was:*

*(but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom.*

Jesus never touched any of the elements involved in the miracle. Somewhere between the time

when the servants took the waterpots out to the time when they served, the water turned into wine!

1. **The Message of the Event:**
2. The **S**ymbolism of the **S**ix earthen waterpots. 2:6

*Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification,*

*each holding twenty or thirty gallons.*

They were there for “*the purifying of the Jews*” (i.e. washing of hands before meals), but they were empty.

1. The **S**hortcomings of the Law and its inability to **S**atisfy – Rom 3:20

*Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight:*

*for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

* There was no wine; the Law could not provide the Joy of **S**alvation and **S**ins forgiven,

as by the Law is the knowledge of sin. Only Christ could fill the **W**aterpots with **W**ine (joy).

1. The **S**ufficiency of the Wine (27 gallons per waterpot, multiply that by **S**ix!)

* Christ is **S**ufficient unto all, and He is able to meet all needs.

1. The **S**aviour’s Invitation to one and **S**undry to Drink of the Water:
2. *Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee,*

*Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.* Jn. 4:10

1. *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.* Rev. 22:17
2. The **S**atisfaction of the **W**ine - *thou hast kept the good wine until now.* Jn. 2:10
3. The **D**ifference in the **W**ater from the **W**ell and the **W**ater Jesus **W**ill to give to all. Jn. 4:13, 14

*Jesus answered and said unto her,* ***W****hosoever drinketh of this* ***W****ater shall thirst again:*

1. *But* ***W****hosoever drinketh of the* ***W****ater that I shall give him shall never thirst;*
2. *But the* ***W****ater that I shall give him shall be in him a* ***W****ell of water springing up into everlasting life.*
3. Hence, **D**rink **D**eeply to be **F**illed and to overflow

**P**oints to **P**onder:

*Jesus gave her water that was not from the well, Gave her living water, and sent her forth to tell;*

*She went away singing, And came back bringing, Others for the water that was not from the well.* Anoymous.