

## JESUS IS THE BEST WINE (JOHN 2)

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**John 2:1-11 (Water Turned to Wine)** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." 4 Jesus said to her, "**Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.**" 5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." 6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, "**Fill the waterpots with water.**" And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "**Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.**" And they took it. 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" 11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

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Jesus was not just looking for an opportunity to "bless" the groom and bride, and those who were attending their wedding, with a lot of high quality wine in order for them to get drunk and stupid, so to speak. In fact, what was just read, Jesus first made mention of His ultimate mission, when He replied to Mary, His dear sweet mother, saying, "**Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.**" That then ties in with what we looked at last week when Jesus said that He was/is the Bread of Life. For review:

[**John 6:41-69**] The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "**I AM the Bread which came down from heaven.**" And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "**Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I AM the Bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I AM the Living Bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.**" The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to

eat?" Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so **he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.** This is the Bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever." These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. **The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.** But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have the words of eternal life.** Also we have come to believe and know that **You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"

What Peter stated is the beginning of our understanding in our life of faith in Christ. **John 14:6.** Again, Jesus said to the Jews, "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the Bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. **I AM the Living Bread** which came down from heaven." The same can be said then of the water that was turned into wine. There was of course nothing magical about that wine other than the fact that it was prepared by the Lord Jesus Christ, to be very good wine. Further along in history, Jesus could have said something very similar, regarding that wine, that was prepared by Him at the wedding. Like, "your fathers drank the wine at the wedding but are now dead..." Yet that wine was only a representaion, as was the manna, of the true wine and bread that gives life, spiritually and eternally speaking.

When Jesus had the "Last Supper" with His disciples, we can read from **Luke 22:18-20**, Jesus told them "I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." [He is most certainly speaking of what was to come, after His death and resurrection and then the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, of which He would partake of, and does, of the fruit of the Spirit that comes through us, which is through Him.] And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper,

saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you." Once again, Jesus had said, "**The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life**", as was that bread and wine as physical representations of the Spirit, in Christ. This message that Jesus was giving, was the contrast between the law vs. Life (in Him), the natural vs. the supernatural, the physical vs. the spiritual, the flesh vs. the spirit, the manna vs. the body of Christ, the wine vs. the blood of Jesus. The Apostle Paul says this, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" To bear fruit for the glory of God. (**John 15**) "**For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (**Ephesians 2:10**) Those good works are, what the Apostle Paul said, that we are "being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (**Philippians 1:11**), of which we then bear the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**) **Our work** then is believing that Christ Jesus alone is sufficient for our Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption (**1 Corinthians 1:30**) and then we are His workmanship, of which we abide in Christ (**John 15**), clinging to Him, sticking to Him like glue (kolla=glue), as we cling to what is good-JESUS! (**Romans 12:9**) We are then partaking of His flesh and being cleansed by the blood of the Lamb! It is then quite interesting that what follows in the gospel account of Christ Jesus, in the book of John, is the following: where Jesus cleanses the temple. As the Apostle Paul tells us in **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**, "your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." Also there is that tie-in to **John 15** as well, as Jesus is the vine and we are His branches, bearing fruit then for the glory of God!:

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[**John 2:12-22**] After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days. Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "**Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!**" 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." [You know how I know that Jesus was not just speaking of the physical temple, that is, the building, that was before Him? Let's continue:] 18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**" 20 Then the Jews said,

"It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 **But He was speaking of the temple of His body.** 22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. 23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. 24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, 25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

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What is to come: "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." (**Revelation 12:10b-11**) Our testify is and should be that Jesus is our Life! "Taste and see that the Lord is GOOD! Blessed is the man that trusts in Him!" (**Psalm 34:8**) For Jesus IS the BEST WINE!