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**At a wedding**

John 2:1 ¶ **On the third day** there was **a wedding** at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.  
*(perhaps Joseph dead at this point)*

John 2:2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

John 2:3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

John 2:4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman (19:26 - a common address Ma'am but distinct as not being mother - there is distance in the expression), what does this have to do with me? (what to me and to you woman=you must not tell me what to do ma'am) **My hour has not yet come.**"

John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

*third day - possible inclusion (bracket off 2:1-11 (4) to sound the same note as 2:18-22*

*a wedding- not THE wedding- my hour/time - John 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 16:32; 17:1*

*not His time but he still moved - because she knew He cared about ordinary people*

**He manifested His glory**

John 2:6 ¶ Now there were six stone (if earthenware they had to be destroyed - if stone washed) water jars there for **the Jewish rites of purification**, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

John 2:7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

John 2:8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

John 2:9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (**though the servants who had drawn the water knew**), the master of the feast **called the bridegroom**

John 2:10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." (Amen)

John 2:11 This, **the first of his signs**, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, **and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.**

*(6) The glory of grace- (Mark 7:1-4)*

*Moses and the Law- began w/water into blood = focus on sin ex 7:19*

*Jesus and His blood - began w/water into wine = focus on the Son (does not mention repentance) Jn 3:17 focus not on the sin but on the savior*

*(9) The glory of the groom -*

*He supplies the wine one day - Joel 3:17-21; Amos 9:11-15*

*but not yet - 2:4 -*

*why? he was at a wedding not THE wedding*

*Israel was the unfaithful bride - (Isaiah 54:5; Hosea 2:2); Jer 31:31-32;*

*Jesus comes as the groom but John does not emphasize Israel - Luke 22:20*

*He omits this story - why? focus not on the bride but on the groom*

*Luke 5:33-39 - new wine in new wineskins -purified by the groom*

*but even though there is a rebuke for the nation of Israel there is joy for you with eyes to see*

*Eph 5:31-32 (the church is His bride - not Israel); Jn 3:29*

*(Israel is the friend of the groom); Jn 14:1-3 (He goes to*

*prepare a place for us - and He will come and get us and we*

*will celebrate - Rev 19:1-9 (Israel is not the bride but the friend of the bridegroom)*

*(11) the glory of God - **focus not on the humanity but on the deity** - no baptism/transfiguration  
Jesus is God of the ordinary - He manifested His glory - John 1:10-14... no baptism and transfiguration -  
the focus is on His deity ...and yet when you look at it - it all seems so small even still*

**Main Idea:**

At an ordinary wedding He manifested His glory, the glory of the Lamb, the glory of the Groom, the glory of God

**Implication:**

John 2:11 -> 1:9-14 "we have seen His glory"

Is this what you were expecting? Why not something crazy like a unicorn jumping out of the cake with wine confetti etc.

*If we open such books as Grimm's Fairy Tales, or the Italian Epics, we find ourselves in a world of miracles so diverse that they can hardly be classified. Beasts turn into men and men into beasts, or trees. Trees talk, ships become goddesses, and a magic ring can cause tables richly spread with food to appear in solitary places... If such things really happen, they would, I suppose, show that nature was being invaded. But they would show she was being invaded by an alien power. The fitness of the Christian miracles, and their difference from those mythological miracles, lies in the fact that they show invasion by a power which is not alien. They are what might be expected to happen when she is invaded not simply by a god, but by the God of nature; by a power which is outside her jurisdiction; not as a foreigner but as a Sovereign. They proclaim that he who has come is not merely a king, but the King, and the King of nature, her King and ours.(C.S. Lewis - Miracles)*

one more thing...

God chose to manifest His glory, not in a crisis, not in desperate need but in the ordinary inconvenience of ordinary life, to ordinary people. Our God is not a foreign God making alien miracles but The Creator God who is able to take the humdrum, commonplace, ordinary events of our lives and make them full to overflowing with fragrance and beauty and grace. The question is, do you see it? Do you see His glory? Do you believe?

some links to further your study:

<http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/earlychurch/a/041511-CW-Wedding-at-Cana.htm>

<http://www.helpforhomeschoolers.com/Article13.htm>

<http://www.gotquestions.org/bride-of-Christ.html>

<https://bible.org/seriespage/13-when-christ-comes-church>