

Crossword Puzzle

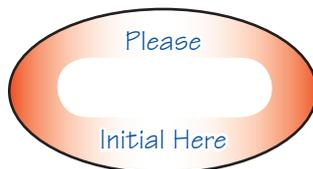


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| 3. ...fill six water pots to the _____. | 1. Changing water into _____ |
| 4. The _____ at Cana of Galilee. | 2. ...His first _____, or miracle... |
| 7. ...take it to the master of the _____. | 4. ...tasted the _____ that had become wine and was surprised... |
| 9. ...change death into _____. | 5. Cana of _____ |
| 12. ...everything comes to an _____ | 6. ...not so _____ or good tasting. |
| 13. The Lord Jesus did His first sign, or _____ in Cana of Galilee. | 7. Along with the _____, wine was... |
| 14. Jesus told the _____ to fill six... | 8. ...rich, satisfying and _____ life. |
| 18. Further, man's _____ is not really so sweet, rich and satisfying. | 10. Jesus and His _____ were invited... |
| 19. ..._____, satisfying and eternal life. | 11. The _____ of the Lord Jesus |
| 20. ...six water _____ to the brim with water. | 15. ...enjoyment... is very _____ lived. |
| | 16. Jesus' _____ told Him that the wine had run out. |
| | 17. ...even the _____ things of human life run out. |

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The Ministry of the Lord Jesus

- Lesson Two -

The Principles of the Lord's Ministry

I. Overview.

Man's enjoyment, like his life, is very short lived. It is gradually running out and will one day end altogether. Further, man's enjoyment is not really so sweet, rich and satisfying. The Bible likens the enjoyment of man's life to "poor wine" – poor wine that always runs out.

The Lord Jesus attended a wedding in Cana of Galilee, where He changed water into the best wine. Just like He changed the water in to the best wine, the Lord Jesus can change our poor, unsatisfied and dying life into rich, satisfying and eternal life.



The Lord Jesus Christ changes our poor unsatisfying situation with the riches of His life.

He does this when we are saved by regenerating us with God's rich eternal life. He also does this whenever we open up to Him and let Him come in to change our present "death" situation into "life." He is able to satisfy us completely and richly.

II. Memory Verse.

"I have come that they might have life and may have it abundantly."

(John 10:10b)

III. Lesson.

The Lord Jesus did His first sign, or miracle, when He attended a wedding in Cana of Galilee. When the Lord was at the wedding, He changed water into wine. This sign showed that His ministry was one to change death into life. Death was pictured by the water and life was pictured by the wine.

The Wedding at Cana of Galilee

Jesus and His disciples were invited to a wedding in the city of Cana in Galilee. A wedding is the happiest day in a person's life. After many years of growing up, learning many lessons, and becoming mature, people get married and begin a family of their own. In those days, when someone got married they would have a great feast. Many friends and relatives would be invited. Along with the food, wine was always served for the people to drink. (Wine was not served for people to get drunk, but to enjoy instead of water, which in those days often was not so pure or good tasting.)

Changing Water into Wine

While the feast was going on, suddenly the wine ran out and there was no more. This meant that the wedding feast



The Lord Jesus changed six pots of water into the best wine.

was about to be over. Jesus' mother told Him that the wine had run out.

Jesus told servants to fill six water pots to the brim with water. This was probably not pure water and did not taste good. Jesus then told them to draw some out and take it to the master of the feast. The servants did as Jesus asked them to do.

The master of the feast tasted the water that had become wine and was surprised that the wine was better than what was served earlier. But the servants and the disciples knew what the Lord Jesus had done. This was a sign that the Lord's ministry was to change death into life. His disciples truly believed in Him.

The miracle that the Lord Jesus did to change the water into wine shows us that even the best things of human life run out. Just like the wine, the top enjoyment of the wedding feast, everything comes to an end – even our human life itself. The ministry of the Lord Jesus is to change death into life. This first miracle or sign shows us the principle of the Lord's ministry – changing death into life.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What was the first miracle or sign the Lord Jesus did?

2. What does the changing of water into wine show us about the Lord's ministry?

3. What is the happiest day of a person's life?

4. What does the wine running out show us?

