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“FOCUS ON JESUS”

The Gospel of John

Part 4

John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and
Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone,
Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman,[a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

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

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each
holding from twenty to thirty gallons.[b]

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into
wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the
water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice
wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you
have saved the best till now."

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed
his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Everyone always talks about how well mothers know their children. No one ever seems to notice how well children know their mothers.

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A brief journey into the Art of wine making

Step 1: Growing grapes

Step 2: Harvesting the grapes

Step 3: Pressing [Crushing]

Step 4: Fermentation

Step 5: Clarification

The next step after fermentation is clarification. This is when winemakers must decide whether to rack or siphon their wine from one barrel to another. By ~~doing so, they hope to leave precipitates and pomace at the bottom of~~ the barrel or tank.

Another part of this step is filtration and fining. Various filters can be used for filtering, from coarse to sterile. To complete fining, substances, such as clay, egg whites, and more, are added to the wine for clarification.

Finally, they remove any solids and dead yeast cells from the wine by sticking them to the bottom of the tank.

Step 6: Aging / Bottling

The process of making wine is a bit of dance that includes some science, art, and magic. Therefore, it takes time, effort, and dedication to truly learn the art of making wine.

How long did it take Jesus?

John 2:6-10

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Reminder of who Jesus is

Colossians 1:15-20

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all
creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all
things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all
things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body,
the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that
in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all
his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his
blood, shed on the cross.

- When is the last time God showed up in ways you did not expect?
- How has he worked something good in your life that you did not have pictured?
- Can you imagine that he is able to do it again in whatever difficult situation you are facing?

This Jesus who turns water into wine, is faithful and true

Deuteronomy 31:8

8 He is The LORD himself who goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing [focusing] our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!