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Water Into Wine: The Hidden Lesson in Jesus' First Miracle

In John 2:1-12, we see Jesus (Yeshua) performing his first miracle at a wedding in Cana. The host ran out of wine, and at his mother's prompting, Jesus asked the servants to fill six water jars with water. When the master of the banquet tasted the water, it had been turned into the finest wine.

At first, this miracle may not seem too important in comparison to some of Jesus's other miracles, but Jewish weddings are something to behold. The fact that the Messiah's first miracle occurred during a wedding points to the abundance and blessing that come from our relationship with the Messiah Yeshua. His changing the water into wine was not merely a random act of kindness; rather, it reflected and metaphorically fulfilled the many Old Testament scriptures that speak of God's people, the proverbial bride, and the Bridegroom to come—Jesus himself.

The Wedding at Cana and the Wedding of the Lamb

Yeshua performed His first miracle at a wedding feast as a sneak preview of the ultimate wedding celebration, the messianic wedding supper of the Lamb, spoken of by the prophets and in the book of Revelation.

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*“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.”
Maya Angelou*

“If you don’t like the road you’re walking, start paving another one.” Dolly Parton

Reminders

September 28th

Shenfest – see booster for more info

September 29th

PK-6 S.S.– After Children’s Message
Jr/Sr High S.S. – 10:30 a.m.

October 2nd

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

October 3rd

T.O.P.S.
Meals-On-Wheels Deliveries

October 6th

Confirmation Class Begins

****Worship Assistants are needed
for October**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

Water into Wine - Continued from page 1.

Revelation 19:7–8 says, “Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.’ (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people)” (NIV). The wedding in Cana of Galilee points spiritually and prophetically to the type of relationship He wants to have with us.

The Third Day

The story of this miracle opens with the words, “*On the third day*, there was a wedding at Cana in the Galilee.” The third day of the week is significant in Jewish wedding traditions. There are three parts to the Jewish wedding: the *shiddukhin* (arrangements made before the legal betrothal), *erusin* (the betrothal, also known as the period of *kiddushin*—a period of sanctification or being “set apart”), and *nissuin* (marriage).

Many Jewish people are married on the third day. If you are in Israel on the third day of the week, you’re going to see many weddings taking place. The reason it’s traditional is that the third day is the only day in the Creation account that God blessed twice. Doubly blessed, the third day of the week is Tuesday, and it’s considered an auspicious day for weddings because “God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:10, 12).

The Double Portion

These weddings are often held outside in the evening, under the stars. The idea is to symbolize the abundance and fruitfulness of your descendants, as God promised that Abraham’s descendants would be like the stars of the sky (Genesis 22:17). The Lord brought Abram out into the crisp desert night where the stars were shimmering like billions of diamonds against the blanket of a perfectly dark sky.

Oh, what a sight that must have been—no city lights to dim the view! “Look up now, at the sky, and count the stars—if you can count them.’ Then He said to him, ‘So shall your seed be’” (Genesis 15:5). Those descendants would eventually be from the Seed of Yeshua, which includes you and me!

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 ✨ 9:00 AM

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Volunteers Needed



LAST PERSON LEAVING
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church
**Please wear your
name tag on
Sunday mornings**



Church Ad Board Members

- Michelle Morelock - Chair*
- Mary Peterson - Secretary*
- Margaret Brady - Vice Chair & Trustee*
- Gary Milstead - Trustee*
- Roger Jones - SPRC*
- Robin Hensen - Finance*
- Dave Lashier - Treasurer*
- Craig Harris - Lay Member to Annual Conference*
- Connie Anderson - Memorials*
- Linda Haldane - Membership*
- David Clark - Pastor*

Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High
Sunday School –
PK-6 during service,
Jr/Sr High 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday
**Choir –5:30 pm
Bell Choir –6:30 pm

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Tuesday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Wednesday
CLOSED
Thursday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Friday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



Whose hair got caught in an oak tree?

- a) Samson
- b) David
- c) Absalom
- d) Saul

Who were not found among the people that Ezra reviewed?

- a) Sons of Levi
- b) Priest
- c) Singers
- d) Doorkeepers

Who did Paul advise to flee from youthful passions?

- a) Methuselah
- b) Lamech
- c) Adah
- d) Jabal

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



- 29th – Denise Tackett
- 30th – Oliver Lungren
- 1st – Jacque Lashier, Heather Weiss, Gaylen and Barb Lundgren
- 2nd – Jeff Armstrong, Chris & Abby DeLong
- 3rd – Richard Perkins, Chelsie Reynolds
- 5th – Susan Blane, Lynn Schieb

**See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church

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Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.
<https://www.youtube.com/@shen.church8192/streams>

***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: As the Beloveds of God, put on compassion and kindness.

People: Put on humility, gentleness, and patience.

L: Be tolerant with each other.

P: Forgive one another.

L: Above all, put on love.

P: And let the peace of Christ reign in our hearts.

“Midwest Mission”

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Songs

God of Grace and God of Glory #577

What a Beautiful Name (screens)

Together We Serve #2175

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 60

On-Line Worship – 16

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

**Answers for September 22nd are c) every month d) Samuel d) Jabal
Quiz hints – Q1) 2 Samuel Q2) Ezra Q3) 2 Timothy**

October 2024



Pancake Mix & Syrup, Pasta (including Spaghetti Noodles), Spaghetti Sauce, Green Beans, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Cinnamon Applesauce, & Pineapple, Chunky Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Macaroni & Cheese, Hamburger, Tuna, & Chicken Helpers, Cake, Brownie, & Muffin Mixes, Ketchup, Mustard, Salt, Pepper, Spices.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals with their food items home. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

Thank You! Thank You!

The Ad Board wants to thank everyone who donated to the church elevator repair fund. Donations have made it possible to cover all the mandated repairs. Now, the church waits until the elevator company can come to make the repairs. The elevator is safe to continue using while waiting for the repairs to be completed.



Bring Your Change to Make a Change

*Collected each Sunday after
the children's message*



“Each of you should GIVE what you have decided in YOUR HEART to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD LOVES a cheerful GIVER.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The Noisy Offering is one more way to do ministry for those in need and teach your children the importance of giving and serving. Each Sunday a new opportunity for mission giving will take place after the Children's Message. Sunday School students will walk around the congregation, collecting your loose coins and currency in their colorful metal pails. This would be a good time to clean out the loose change from your pockets or purse. The money donated in September will go to the **Shenandoah Community Schools – School Nurses**.



Shenfest
On the Sunny Side
Shenandoah, IA

BIKE PARADE

DECORATE YOUR BIKE, SCOOTER, STOLLER,
WAGON OR WHEELCHAIR IN THE "SUNNIEST"
FASHION

PLEASE NO ATVS OR MOTORCYLES

Saturday, September 28th
12:30pm
Sheridan Ave
The Mill -> Police Station

10:30-12:30 @ THE MILL/GREEN SPACE

KIDS GAMES BOUNCE HOUSES

PRIZES AND MORE!



Contact - sshaw@smchospital.com for questions/concerns

If you are interested in helping or running a kid's game, please get in touch with Margaret Brady. There will be prizes and more. The time is 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 28th. Bring your lawn chair with you and join the fun. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at The Mill.



EVENTS SCHEDULE

September 28th

- 7am-10am - Fireman's Pancake Feed (Safety Center)
- 7:45-9am - SMC Fun Run/Walk (Wabash Trace old Depot)
- 8am-12pm - Peter Weber Swing for Education Golf Tournament (Golf Course)
- 8am-12pm - Doubles Pickle Ball Tournament (SportsPlex)
- 9am-1:30pm - Car and Truck Show (Earl May Parking Lot 208 N. Elm)
- 9am-1:30pm - Veterans Memorial Museum Tours, Hot Dogs (603 W Lowell)
- 9am-1pm - Tarkio Valley Antique Tractor Show (Railroad Street by The Mill)
- 9am-1pm - Antique Tractor rides (Railroad Street by The Mill)
- 9am-1pm - Antique Tractor Shuttle (Around downtown)
- 9am-1pm Vendor Fair at The Mill (818 W Sheridan)
- 9am-12pm - Farmers Market (Priest Park)
- 10-4pm Food Trucks (Railroad Street by The Mill, Flat Iron)
- 10am-1pm Business Scavenger Hunt (Shenandoah Businesses)
- 10:30-12:30 - Kids Games (Railroad Street Green Space)
- 10:30-12:30 - Bounce Games (Sheridan next to Katz Koolerz)
- 12:00-5pm - Huff n Puff Lawn Mower Pull (Elm and W Valley St)
- 12:30-1pm - Bike Parade (Sheridan from The Mill to Safety Center)
- 1pm-4pm - Historical Museum open (closed during parade)
- 2pm - Parade Sheridan Ave (Line up Clarinda Ave)
- 3:30 - Marching Band Awards (Everly Brothers Childhood Home)
- 3:30-5pm - Alumni/Alumnot Meet and Greet (The Mill 818 W Sheridan)
- 3:30 - Live Music John Rogers (Depot)
- 7pm - Live Music Matt Cox Band (Depot)



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How does this miracle of abundance come? It comes from a relationship with the Messiah, the Bridegroom. He wants you to be doubly blessed. He wants to give you the double portion. He did his first miracle on the third day, which is a doubly good day.

The Signs and Secrets of Transformation

The miracle of turning water into wine shows us that Jesus is not only able to meet our needs but also exceed them. He can take the ordinary and make it extraordinary. The miracle at the wedding was officially the start of Yeshua's public ministry, demonstrating that God was beginning to fulfill the messianic promises setting his redemption plan into motion.

It makes sense that this miracle of abundance occurred at a wedding because Yeshua is the bridegroom, and he was coming for his bride. A marriage—an eternal, covenantal relationship—is the kind of relationship God hopes to have with us as well.

A Lifetime Process of Becoming

The miracle of turning water into wine was a miracle of blessing, abundance, and transformation. God transformed something ordinary into something extraordinary, just as He does with us when He touches our lives and transforms us into new creations. We are turned from water into wine. The old passes away, and the new comes (2 Corinthians 5:17).

However, this transformation is not a one-and-done thing, but rather a lifetime process of becoming. Personally, I am being transformed daily from something ordinary into something extraordinary. The old is passing away, and the new is coming into my life. I'm excited as I witness the things God is doing in me. And I'm convinced He wants to do it in your life too.

Adapted from Signs and Secrets of the Messiah: A Fresh Look at the Miracles of Jesus by Rabbi Jason Sobel. BibleGateway Weekly Brief. Bible Gateway, Sparks Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 499546. September 26, 2023.

What Will Our Resurrected Bodies Be Like?

The hope of many Christians is to go to heaven when they die, but biblical authors looked forward to being resurrected with their physical bodies after death, never to die again.



Jesus' Resurrected Body

Not yet aware that Jesus had risen from the dead, the disciples are terrified when he suddenly appears in their midst, thinking they see a “ghost.” The Greek word translated here as “ghost” is *pneuma*, which is typically translated as “spirit” but is sometimes used in Luke to refer to demons (e.g., Luke 4:33; 9:39). Whatever it is the disciples think they saw, Jesus corrects their misperception by showing them the tangible flesh of his resurrected body. Jesus gives further evidence of his physical resurrection by eating a piece of fish in their presence (Luke 24:41–43).

This passage tells us a few things about resurrected bodies (both Jesus' and ours):

- First, our resurrected bodies will be material, not some ghostly hologram.
- Second, Jesus' request for, and eating of, food shows that resurrected bodies—like our current earthly bodies—get hungry and enjoy food.
- Third, the parallel passage in John 20:24–27 specifically mentions Jesus' wounds that were still visible in his resurrected body. Some believe that this shows that while we will be healed of physical ailments in the resurrection, our bodies might still bear some evidence of our earthly experiences, perhaps even our disabilities.
- Fourth, the parallel in John's Gospel also makes a point that the doors were “locked” when “Jesus came and stood among them” (John 20:19), suggesting that Jesus' resurrected body, though material, was also able to pass through walls, though John is not interested in exploring the scientific details surrounding the event.

“How are the dead raised?” and “With what kind of body will they come?” (1 Corinthians 15:35) are the rhetorical questions of skeptics who think the resurrection is impossible. As proof that God can in fact raise the dead, Paul points to seeds that appear to die, are buried like dead bodies, and later rise from the earth. Moreover, seeds rise transformed, as different from when they were planted as various other kinds of bodies are from one another.

Likewise, dead Christians will one day rise alive and transformed, their formerly frail, ignoble, and mortal bodies rendered powerful, glorious, and immortal. Thankfully, Christ-followers will not remain mortal forever. Whether they die and are later raised or are still living when Jesus returns, they will all be transformed. Christians need not fear death, because death's destiny is to be destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:26), while their destiny is resurrection and immortality.

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This week is photo number 9 in a series of unique pictures from all over the world. For some pictures, you may need to squint and then you will see what the picture represents, others you will see it right away. I have found these amazing and wanted to share them.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday
to Deliver Meals**

**Sign-Up Sheet is on the
Welcome Center Counter**



This Sunday we will host a special guest from Midwest Mission. This is a great organization that is connected with the United Methodists and many other nonprofits that works in the area of disaster relief, education, health, and microbusiness. For us in Shenandoah to do the missional work of the church, we do not always have to create new programs, but we can partner with those that are already doing great work. Edi Norris has helped us make a

connection and we hope to deepen that relationship so that we can extend our ministry beyond Shenandoah, to the state of Iowa, the Midwest, and to the ends of the earth sharing in Christ's ministry.

One path that Edi has helped organize for us to partner with Midwest Mission is to make emergency sleeping mats made of plastic grocery bags. These sleeping mats are sent locally and internationally. In the Sunday School room downstairs (the old Questers Room) we will have a loom set up for us to weave these mats together. Following the worship service, Midwest Mission will demonstrate and train on how to do this easy and effective way to spread compassion throughout out world. If you happen to have some plastic grocery bags filling up a corner of your pantry, we will take them and use them for this ongoing project. Many other Methodist churches in Iowa are making these same mats. Young, old, male, female--anyone can participate in weaving the mats and enjoy some fellowship while you do.

I look forward to seeing how our church can partner with this wonderful organization.

Grace and peace,
 Pastor David B. Clark



Sunday, October 6th – Missional Workgroup – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 8th - Charge Conference – Sidney United Faith Church – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 20th – Congregational Care Workgroup – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 22nd – Ad Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 27th – Growing Young Workgroup – 10:30 a.m.