

Everyday FAITH Family Page

H2Oh!

Law/Gospel

When I find myself in need, prayer is usually the last thing that I think to do. **God, on the other hand, loves to hear my prayers, and He always takes care of my needs in a better and greater way than I could possibly imagine. He surprises me with His lavish love, especially in His Son, Jesus, who showed He is true God, able to care for all my needs, including forgiving my sins.**

Bible Words

We know that the Son of God has come. . . . He is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 5:20

Fun Facts

Seven signs in John's Gospel show Jesus is the Messiah.

- Turning water into wine, 2:1–11
- Healing an official's son, 4:46–54
- Healing a man at Bethesda, 5:1–18
- Feeding the 5,000, 6:5–14
- Walking on water, 6:16–24
- Healing the man born blind, 9:1–7
- Raising Lazarus from the dead, 11:1–45

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31).

Changing H2Oh! Wedding at Cana

John 2:1–11

The Gospel of John calls the turning of water into wine at Cana the first of Jesus' signs by which He manifested His glory (2:11).

A problem arose at a wedding: the wine ran out. Jesus' mother told Him about it and then told the servants to do whatever He said. Jesus acted without drawing attention to Himself. He provided well over one hundred gallons of wine, but only the servants and His disciples knew.

Jesus expressed concern that His hour had "not yet come" (v. 4). In other words, He did not want to rush the cross. He had a three-year ministry of proclamation and healing to perform before that. Yet, responding to a need and His mother's request, Jesus fixed the problem.

Jesus is the great giver of all things, and when He gives, He gives more than we can imagine. At that time, no one could imagine Jesus would die on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, but He did. And then He rose from the dead, showing His glory as true God and our Savior.

Biblical Weddings

Biblical weddings included multiple-day feasts where hosts provided food and drink for guests. During the ceremony, a rabbi thanked God as He spoke blessings over several cups of wine drunk by the couple. People drank more wine during meals that followed.

Wine symbolized life for the Israelites. It began as grape juice, soured as it fermented, and then turned into a wonderful, joyous gift. A full cup of wine symbolized God's overflowing love and blessing, as the Psalmist said. "My cup overflows" (Psalm 23:5).

Prayer

Dear Lord, guide and protect us on the road of life and bring us safely to our heavenly home. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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