

“NEW CREATION TRANSFORMATION”

John 2:1-11; II Cor 4:7

Miracles:

- A miracle “descends” to take us “up” (into what only God can do) – Matt 19:26
- There is nothing “unnatural” about miracles (unless you believe “nature” is all there is) – Ro 11:36
- Every miracle has a “message” (the message is always greater than the miracle) – Jo 20:30-31

The Miracle: Water into Wine – Jo 2:1-11

- The setting: A wedding celebration in Cana – Jo 2:1-2
- The conflict: “they have no wine!” – Jo 2:3
 - ...Mary goes to the right Source – Jo 2:3
 - ...Jesus correct a “misunderstanding” – Jo 2:4
- The outcome: The disciples get a “glimpse of glory” and “believe in Him” – Jo 2:11

The Message: What Man Cannot Produce, Jesus Is Able to Supply – Matt 19:26

- It is always time to invite Jesus into the story of our life – Jo 2:2
 - ...we do not believe in the miraculous, but “into Him” – Jo 2:11
- The joyful works of Christ:
 - ...He is glad to address Himself to human need – Jo 2:3; Phil 4:6
 - ...It pleases Him to reverse our usual expectations – Jo 2:9,10
 - (i.e., the “guest” becomes the “Host”)
 - ...He takes great joy in miraculously bringing His Uncommon Goodness into and out of our common “container” – Jo 2:7-9; II Cor 4:7
 - (the miracle of new creation life is not about “improvement”, but “replacement” – Ga 2:20; Col 3:4; Jo 15:5)
 - ...He delights to work through cooperative agents – Jo 2:5
 - (“whatever” – transformation is always on God’s terms – Matt 11:6)
 - (“He says – when the wine runs out, it’s time to listen – Ps 46:10)
- Too many of us are “enchanted” with the miraculous, but remain “unchanged” by the Miracle Worker – Matt 19:22
 - ...Miraculous transformation doesn’t occur by trying hard to be like Christ, but when I’m trusting His Life to come out of me as His Life – Jo 15:5