

Lesson A Miracles Changing Water into Wine

Invocation

Prayer for family, friends, and church family

Central Thoughts on Miracles

- ◆ The miracles of Jesus are signs that teach us who He is and what He does for us.
- ◆ The miracles of Jesus illustrate the power of the Gospel and cannot be understood rightly apart from the Gospel. (The sign must be coupled with the Word for proper understanding.)
- ◆ The miracles of Jesus proclaim Him to be the fulfiller of all the Old Testament promises concerning the person and work of the Christ.
- ◆ The miracles of Jesus proclaim Him to be the redeemer from sin, death, and the power of Satan.
- ◆ The miracles of Jesus are not the purpose of His ministry but rather point to Him as the object of the Christian's faith.
- ◆ The signs that Jesus performed were often temporary and pointed to the greater realities He promised in the Gospel: "the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."
- ◆ The miracles of Jesus are often signs of the Christian hope for the new creation in which Christ will make all things new and in which there will be no more sorrow, suffering, or pain.

Bible Reading: John 2: 1-23

Summary Of the Miracles of Jesus

Changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana of Galilee is called "the beginning of signs" that Jesus performed, which "manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him." Faith in Jesus is the ultimate "goal" of every miracle that Jesus performs. In this "first sign" Jesus shows

that He is the redeemer of fallen humanity. Sin entered into the creation in the context of the first marriage. Adam and Eve turned from the LoRD's life-giving Word when they ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Through the one-flesh union of Adam and Eve, all humanity became sinful. The corruption of original sin passed on to all the descendants of Adam and has infected every marriage and family ever since. Jesus' miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee shows that He has not abandoned the institutions of marriage and family, but has rather come to redeem them. The glory that Jesus manifests (John 2: 11) is the glory of God's sacrificial love that moved Him to die for us, that fallen humanity might be reconciled to God. In Christ's sacrifice of love for His bride the Church, marriage and family are restored to what God intended them to be at creation: a reflection of His love in the procreation of children and in the benevolent dominion over the creation. The transformation of water into wine is a sign that the old creation is made new by the forgiveness of sins, and that the new creation will never again be corrupted by sin.

Close with The Lord's Prayer

Additional Miracle of Jesus:

Basic Teaching:

The Changing of Water into Wine (MIR-1) Jesus is the redeemer of creation. John 2:1-23

The Healing of the Nobleman's Son (MIR-2) Jesus' Word has the power to save. John 4:46-54

The Miraculous Catch of Fish (MIR-3) Jesus calls men to be ministers to preach His Word. Luke 5:1-11

The Healing of the Paralytic (MIR-4) The authority to forgive sins has been given to men. Matthew 9:1-8

The Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda (MIR-5) Jesus is the source of salvation in Baptism. John 5:1-15

The Healing of the Withered Hand (MrR-6) Jesus fulfills the Sabbath by restoring creation. Matthew 12:9-14

The Healing of the Centurion's Servant (MIR-7) True faith clings to Christ's Word alone. Matthew 8:5-13

The Widow of Nain's Son Is Raised (MrR-8) Jesus reigns over death by taking death to Himself. Luke 7:11-17

The Stilling of the Storm (Mm-9) Jesus stills the storm of judgment by His death. Mark 4:15-41

The Gadarene Demoniac Is Healed (MtR-10) Jesus is the conqueror over Satan. Mark 5:1-20

The Woman with the Flow of Blood (MIR-11) Earthly elements are used as means of grace. Matthew 9:20-22

Jairus's Daughter Is Raised (Mm-12) The Word of Jesus alone restores the dead to life. Luke 8:40-42

The Feeding of the Five Thousand (MIR-13) Jesus is the Bread of Life. John 6:1-14

Jesus Walks on the Water (MrR-14) Jesus is the "I AM" - the Lord. John 6:15-21

The Canaanite Woman's Daughter Healed (MIR-15) Faith believes the Word contrary to experience. Mark 7:24-30

The Healing of the Deaf Mute (MIR-16) Faith is created out of unbelief by the Word. Mark 7:31-37

The Feeding of the Four Thousand (MIR-17) Jesus is the Savior also for the Gentiles. Matthew 15:32-38

The Healing of the Demoniac Son (MrR-18) Jesus is the Savior for those of the weakest in faith. Luke 8:1-9

The Cleansing of the Ten Lepers (MIR-19) Jesus alone fulfills the Law and cleanses from sin. Luke 17:11-19

The Healing of the Man Born Blind (MrR-20) Jesus is the Light of the World. John 9:1-41

The Raising of Lazarus (MIR-21) Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. John 11:1-44

Blind Bartimaeus Is Healed (MIR-22) Jesus came to save the most wretched and despised. Matthew 20:29-34

The Resurrection Catch of Fish (MIR-23) Ministers are dependent upon Christ's Word alone. John 21:1-14