INTRODUCTION

- Jesus makes a name for Himself as someone to be reckoned with. First He makes some high quality wine for a party, then He ticks off the religious establishment by ruining their profitable business venture within the House of Worship.
- John is out to authenticate Christ through substantiated “signs” as the one and only Messiah, God in the flesh, Savior of the world.

Passage | Comments
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John 2:1-10 | The First of Seven (7) Signs
- Jesus turning water into wine was a sign of what?
  - His Messiahship?
  - His Compassion?
  - Something Else?
- Was this a supernatural miracle?
- Do we still need signs/miracles today?
- Are signs/supernatural miracles still about today?

The 7 Signs in John
1. Turning water into wine in Cana..............2:1-11
2. Healing an official’s son in Capernaum.......4:46-54
3. Healing at the Pool of Bethesda.............5:1-18
4. Feeding the 5,000 ................................6:5-14
5. Walking on the water.......................6:16-21

Note: The term for “Miracle” 1411 δυναμις / dynamis (dynamite) is used extensively throughout the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke) and Acts, BUT John never uses “dynamis” but uses “Signs” 4592 σημειον / semeion – which pointed to authentication of Christ.

Definition of Miracles
- Supernatural: A spontaneous event that breaks known natural laws (e.g., walking on water, creating and restoring a missing body part, raising the dead)
- Providential/Subjective: God works within His created natural laws to maneuver people, events, and circumstances to answer prayers and accomplish His will while maintaining an orderly world and not forcing skeptics to believe (e.g., finding a job or a spouse; healing through time and medicine, or changing the weather for D-Day)
- Demonic/Satanic Miracles: Deceptive wonders God allows Satan & his minions to perform (e.g., appearing as a serpent [Gen 3]; turning sticks into snakes and water into blood [Exodus 7]; damsel w/ demon brought financial gain [Acts 16]; and even healings & wonders)

Signs
- A term which groups miracles, healings, tongues, prophesies, & other phenomena to point to a specific purpose, person, or prophetic event

Wonders
- Attention grabbing miracles, healings, tongues, prophesies, & other phenomena (e.g., feeding 5000+)

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- From these early chapters we see Jesus gathering a crowd around Him to hear and witness His majesty – though, it seems somewhat cloaked in secrecy, vagueness, and mystery. Remember the purpose of John’s Gospel – to give us sufficient information to make an intelligent decision to know what to do with this Jesus.

NEXT WEEK: John 3. Salvation is depicted as a very simple process – we make a decision to live for God – and God does the rest – He makes the sacrifice, He Saves, and He Preserves! - The Christian Faith is the only religion where God does the work to save man. All other religions, man has to work to get saved.

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson
Compliments to the host! This wine is WONDERFUL!

John 2 - Water into Wine Miracle!
There was no arguing this wine was GREAT, but Harry was concerned the wine was poured from water jugs that looked very much like those used to wash the guests feet.