

JESUS AT THE WEDDING IN CANA.

TEXT: JOHN 2: 1-11.

someone who is watching over us all the time. God is still on the throne and he does not sleep!

Mary, the disciples, and the few people who filled those large jars with water, knew that God was at work in that place, by changing the water into wine through the agency of Jesus. The question I have for today is, 'how many people in the world right now, are aware that God is at work through his beloved Jesus, in this very day and age?' Jesus is alive in our hearts!

for us? I know there are many people who do regularly worship God, but the numbers could still be a lot higher than are now are.

Our redeemer does live, so what are people waiting for? Are they waiting to have that extra 10% more so that they are comfortable to commit to God? Do they need to get themselves right first? Let me ask you: "when is the right time to come to God?" What did the Ethiopian eunuch say to Philip when he wanted to get baptized: "what's stopping us, there's some water over there, let's do it!"

The time, hour and kingdom of God has come; and the Son of Man has been exalted.

From little things, big things grow! Anyone who has watched TV at one time or another over the last two months or so would have heard this song/jingle during the commercial breaks. It's so true for today's gospel message. After all; didn't all of Christendom start out with one man; Jesus, doing the will of his heavenly Father, and from there it has gone to all places right around the planet: Antarctica included!

In fact, once the time was right for Jesus to begin his ministry, he started out by gathering unto himself disciples so that he could teach them the will of God, and they in turn would teach others. Then these others would pass on this very same teaching to still yet more others;

until eventually we get to the point nowadays where there would be very few people in this world who don't know who Jesus actually is.

Our gospel lesson today, is 'The wedding at Cana' where Jesus' first miracle is recorded. And miracles put a much closer focus on Jesus than ever before. By the way, Jesus only performed miracles to show that his power came from above, and not from within himself. But from God the Father and these miracles were NOT to prove what a great man Jesus was, but that he had someone watching over him and was approving of what he did. Everything he did was to the glory of God the Father.

So in our gospel lesson, guests have been invited to this wedding in Cana, which seemed like a low key affair at the time. The guests had gathered: including Mary, Jesus and the disciples; and everything at the party

Right now is the 'accepted time and hour' to come into God's loving presence and he turns no one away who reaches out to him with a sincere heart. He wants to have a relationship with all people!

Finally, the gift of wine is the gift of life. God gives us freely an abundance of life. We rejoice every time we partake of this gift of life through Holy Communion, the bread and the wine, we share in this feast. One day we will all do it together along with the heavenly host in the heavenly kingdom one day. What a day of rejoicing that will be. Amen.



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was going according to part of the Bible] which And speaking of times custom, but a slight was written and and places, Jesus problem was starting to concentrated on Jesus reminds Mary at the appear, the wine had prior to the age of wedding party, that "his run out [v 3]. This twelve. *The Infancy* time has not yet come could be very *Gospel of Thomas* [v 4]" That is, his time embarrassing for all in (middle 3rd century) to begin to do the work attendance? In records various alleged that his heavenly Father particular for the hosts incidents in Jesus' early had in store for him. in that society, in that childhood. For That's not to say that day and age, with all example, Jesus moulds Jesus wasn't doing the their social air's and clay pigeons on the will of his heavenly Sabbath. When people Father, all the time even

Mary was the first _____ when he was to notice this _____ growing up, irregularity so she _____ because those silent went and told Jesus _____ know anything about this [v 3].

This particular point _____ about. I find interesting? So object to this, he claps This is the first miracle why did she do that? his hands and the he is about to do, and Was it because she pigeons fly away. When surprisingly enough, knew the special another child disperses even the disciples didn't circumstances a pool of water Jesus know yet that Jesus surrounding Jesus and made, Jesus calls him could do miracles; the special abilities he an "insolent, godless because verse 11 tells possessed? We could dunderhead" and us that the disciples put only hazard a guess at paralyzes him. When their faith in him after some of the things that another child bumps they witnessed this may have happened in into his shoulder, Jesus event. They apparently the Joseph and Mary becomes exasperated believed in him before household over the and kills the child by this, and now they put years that Jesus was cursing him. When his their faith in him. growing up. parents complain about this to Joseph, Jesus So there is a time and

Just out of curiosity for smites them blind. place for everything myself more than Whew! What can you isn't there? The book of anything else; there is a say? Ecclesiastes tells us that non canonical book [not there is a time for

everything, 'a time to you have sufficient When you can't do a be born, a time to die, funds, what can you do, damn thing about etc. Beginnings and where can you go? The desperate situations it ends, they happen all options are limitless can drive a person the time while we live unless you have an crazy. Most of them our existence upon the impediment that will face a bleak future, earth. "Ecclesiastes prevents you from and their options are 3:11 He has made doing what you intend limited. It's quite a everything beautiful in to do. sobering thing to its time. He has also set witness, and then to eternity in the hearts of On the news last week, think of how fortunate men; yet they cannot we saw some terrible we are to live in a fathom what God has news that rocked the country that is in a done from _____ better position than beginning to end."

Do we fully _____ Sure, we have our comprehend how _____ problems no doubt; precious the things _____ but they wane in that God has done _____ light of what these for us, so that he can island nation of Haiti. poor people are going gain us in a relationship An earthquake hit it. It through. They will find with him forever? Do is one of the poorest it hard to eat, drink and the people out in the nations on earth. Very be merry tot their world realize what they heart wrenching scenes. satisfaction, for a long are throwing away? People helping people, time to come yet! Eternity has been set in where there are no

our hearts, yet many are emergency services to Jesus miracle of turning willing to throw that call on. People just the water into wine eternity away without using their hands and shows us all, the divine even giving it a real go! feet to drag, help, push intervention of God each other to safety; being involved in Jesus' We have just entered crying out in utter ministry and life. For the beginning of a new helplessness and you and me, this shows year, and what have you despair. that God is willing to be got planned for the year divinely involved with ahead: God willing or Helplessness and us throughout our lives not? Do you have any despair are two of the upon the earth as well. plans? What do you most horrible feelings This should encourage expect to happen? If anyone can experience. us to know that we have

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