

Worksheet 67 – John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. ³And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

⁴Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

⁶Now there were set there six water pots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the water pots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. ¹⁰And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

¹¹This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

7 Signs in the Gospel of St John

1. **Jesus performed his first sign when he changed water into wine at a wedding feast (2:1-11).**
2. With a word of command Jesus healed the son of a royal official (4:43-54).
3. Jesus healed a man who had been paralyzed for 38 years (5:1-15).
4. Jesus multiplied seven loaves and fishes to feed the five thousand people who gathered to hear him (6:1-15).
5. Jesus walked on water and calmed the waves to rescue his disciples caught in a life-threatening storm at sea (6:16-24).
6. Jesus healed a man born blind, giving him sight (9:1-12).
7. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead after Lazarus was in the tomb for three days (11:1-44).

References to the Hour of the Passion in the Gospel of St John: 2:4 (above); 12:23; 17:1

John 12:23, 27-28

But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

John 17:1

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You.

ACTIVITIES

1. Hunt the Symbols

Write down here all the symbolic references you can find in this miracle which makes it a sign of Christ's forthcoming death and resurrection.

2. Consider the other references to "the hour" in the Gospel given here. Why do you think the death of Christ is portrayed as a moment of GLORY?

3. The Jewish rites of purification (verse 6) consisted of a ritual washing (Cf. Islamic practice) which Jews had to perform before engaging in any holy task. This could "work" as a psychological prompt of the necessity of having a clean heart but why is the blood of Christ infinitely more effective than such rites? St John also wrote about this in his first letter, Chapter 1, verse 7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.