

Fake News / Real Jesus

Week 4: A Miracle For Little Things

Weekly Summary: Jesus' first ever miracle was making 150 gallons of alcohol! Turning water into wine was not only proof of Jesus' identity as God, but also a reminder that God's great goal for our lives is joy, to celebrate in his presence by the miraculous work of his Son, Jesus.

Is Jesus looking for something more when we pray?

John 2:1-4 - On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

*This need is not a **big deal**!*

John 2:4 - "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

*What do the **little things** in life have to do with the more important things?*

*Little things **rarely** matter for eternity?*

John 2:5 - His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Still Mary was **bold to ask** leaving Jesus to decide what is best regarding little things.

John 2:6-10 - Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water;" so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

Not surprising, Jesus does care about **little things**.

John 2:11 - This, the first of his miraculous signs Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

POINT: Jesus always answers the little things in relation to the **big things!**

Points to Ponder

1. Think about what you often ask of the Lord in prayer. Would he consider any requests you're accustomed to making little things or big things?
2. How can we strive to ensure that if we ask for little things in prayer that we always ask in relation to the bigger things God desires such as his Kingdom to come and his will to be done?
3. This would be a great time to review Luther's Small Catechism and its teaching on the Lord's Prayer. If it's been a while since you've looked at that excellent work, feel free to pull it off the shelf or find a copy of it online. As you read through the explanation to the 7 requests we make in that prayer, compare that to the requests people generally make in prayer. God willing, our prayer life will improve greatly through such a review!

Homework For Next Week: John 2:12-25