

Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may
have *life*

Allowing Cana to Point us to the Cross

John 2:1-11

1. *John's gospel begins with a "sign." It wasn't about a wedding or about the wine, but about something much deeper. How can Cana be a sign to us today?*

- *John 2:11, The beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.*
- *Jn. 2:9-10 When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), ...*
- *Sign – points beyond itself to a deeper spiritual reality.*
 - *John 20:30-31*



2. *The sign (the miracle) is filled with symbolism and metaphors all of which point to deeper spiritual truths that Jesus will fulfill.*

A. *The “**third** day.” Of what?*

B. *My **hour** has not yet come. What “hour”?*

C. *Why is water turned to **wine**?*

D. *Why **six stone** waterpots for **purification**, holding 30 gallons each. Why these jars? Why stone?*

E. *Why fill the waterpots **to the brim**? 180 gallons worth?*

F. *Why provide **more wine than needed**? Why provide an overflow?*

G. *Why was the miracle itself kept a secret – only the servants, Jesus’s disciples, and family (?) knew about water being turned to wine?*



The “third day”?

A. The timing – *On the “3rd day (v2;1).*

1. 1st day, 1:22f, JB testimony of Jesus to religious leaders
2. 2nd day, 1:28, the *next* day, “Behold the Lamb”
3. 3rd day, 1:35, the *next* day, disciples called by Jesus.
4. 4th day, 1:43, the *next* day, Philip & Nathaniel found
5. 7th day, 2:11, on the third day...



3. What *might be* the deeper truths that this sign is pointing to?

A. *The third day - Jesus will rise on the third day.*

B. *My hour has not come.*

1. *The **cross is His hour**. John 12:28; John 17:23*

C. *Water to wine.*

1. *That was the need for the moment.*

2. *Jesus will be “poured out” as an offering.*

D. *Stone jars used for purification.*

1. *Moses’s law has been fulfilled. John 1:16-17*

2. *External vs internal.*

E. *Waterpots to the brim. More wine that anyone can drink.*

1. *Jesus is life and life to the full.*



4. *Life is filled with transitions. Chaos is often our normal. We must let Jesus be the master of our chaos and trust Him as he repurposes our lives and uses our chaos to accomplish his greater purpose.*

- Jn. 2:3-5 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "**Woman, what does that have to do with us?** My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." (NAU)
- *Woman – madam.*
 - *V3. Mary addresses Jesus as her son.*
 - *V4. Jesus addresses his mother as Messiah, while still her son.*
 - *V5. Whatever he says – do it.*



Call to action:

- 1. How can Cana be a sign to you and me in the midst of the chaos of life and all the change that chaos brings upon us?*
- 2. How can you be an “Andrew” to someone God will bring across your path? Will you continue to pray about who you will bring to Jesus in 2026?*

- *Who was “John”? Why are the first four books of the NT referred to as the “gospels”?*

“Gospel” – “good news,” “good message.” Mark 1:14-15.

- A. Author – John the disciple of the Lord: St Irenaeus. “Against Heresies.” 130AD.*
- B. Apostle John – one of the 12 (not John the Baptist).*
- C. Fisherman by trade - partner w his brother, James, his father, Zebedee, and Peter. (Mark 1:19-20),*
- D. Refers to himself in the 3rd person as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (John 21:20) or “anonymously” (1:35, 40).*
- E. Only disciple at foot of cross; with Jesus’s mother;*



