

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

January 17, 2016

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

I Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11



Water into Wine. *Object: A newspaper.*

I thought it would be fun to take our Bible lesson today and re-write it as if I were a reporter writing an article in a daily newspaper. The story is actually from the gospel of John, but the word gospel means "good news," so let's imagine that we are reading an article from the "Daily Galilean" or perhaps "The Jerusalem Times."

Wow! Listen to this headline! "Wedding guest turns water into wine."

Hmmm...That sounds interesting. Let's read the rest of the story!

On Tuesday, a woman named Mary was in Cana to attend a wedding. A large number of guests, including her son, a man named Jesus, also attended the wedding. Guests at the wedding were reportedly having a good time until the host ran out of wine. At that point, it seemed that the happy celebration might turn into a disaster.

Some of the wedding guests thought that perhaps Jesus might have a solution to the problem, so they reported to him that they were out of wine. When told about the problem, Jesus at first seemed unwilling to do anything, but after some encouragement from his mother, he finally agreed to help.

Eye witnesses at the wedding reported that Jesus noticed several large water jars nearby and instructed some servants to fill them with water. After the jars had been filled with water, he told them to dip some of the water out of the jars and take it to the man who was in charge of serving the wine. When the wine steward tasted the water, he discovered that the water had been turned into wine.

Wedding guests were amazed at the turn of events and said that the wine was the best that they had ever tasted.

As a result of this miraculous event, many people are following Jesus everywhere he goes, and many believe that he might even be the long-awaited Messiah.

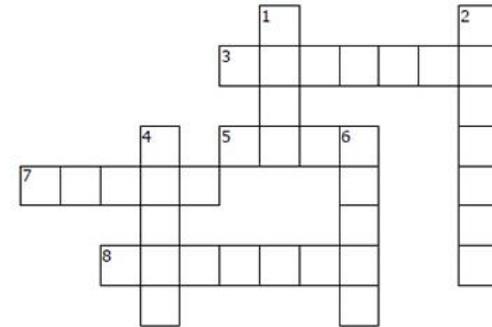
Well, that made a pretty good news story, didn't it? Just as Jesus performed a miracle by changing the water into wine at the wedding celebration two thousand years ago, he is still working miracles in the hearts and lives of people today.

Dear Jesus, worker of miracles, work a miracle in us today. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. Alleluia (John 2:11)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
- 5. Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others
- 7. Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior
- 8. One who is employed to perform services for someone else

DOWN

- 1. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
- 2. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
- 4. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H₂O
- 6. To eat or drink a small amount

TASTE	SERVANT	WATER	MIRACLE
WEDDING	BEST	WINE	CHEAP

BELIEVE BOOK MARKERS: Provide supplies for children to make a bookmarker with words from today's lesson -- such as faith, believe, Jesus, miracles, etc.

I BELIEVE LETTERS: The children will cut out the letters for I BELIEVE and then decorate and glitter the letters, etc. They will then glue the letters onto a rectangular piece of construction paper and hang it on the wall. Have the children to sign their own name to their I BELIEVE sign.



Signs & Wonders

