

The Supreme Power of Jesus Christ

John 2:1-25

In this passage we will see the first miracle that Jesus performed. We will continue to see the supernatural works of Christ throughout chapters 2-12. We begin to see the supreme power of Jesus Christ in this passage. I want to refresh our minds a little concerning these doctrinal terms describing Jesus Christ.

Omnipotence: Jesus Christ is all-powerful

Omniscience: Jesus Christ is all-knowing

Omnipresence: Jesus Christ is everywhere at all times

Omnibenevolence: Jesus Christ is all-good or without evil

Jesus Controls Everything (John 2:1-12) This is the first recorded miracle that Christ performed. This miracle at a wedding, was a very public event. In this culture, a wedding would have been a lengthy celebration. Wine was a big part of this celebration. At first we are taken back by the way Jesus responds to his mother, saying “woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” The stuff I’ve studied points out that this wasn’t a sign of disrespect to His mother. We must keep in mind, that regardless of our closeness to Jesus, we all come to Him humbly, sinners in need of His help daily, and eternally. Even Mary, His mother comes to grips with this, that He is God and He has control over everything! Jesus has control to transform. This is just the first example of miracles that will be recorded in chapters 2-12.

- a. **Jesus transforms material items.** In verse 10, we have the master’s response to the water that Jesus turned into wine, “and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” It is clear that Jesus has the power to transform everything. He is the great healer, the great physician, the great provider, and the great shepherd! If He can transform material items, He can certainly transform us.
- b. **Jesus transforms mankind.** He transforms our minds (Rom. 12:2) *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*, He transforms our desires (Psalm 37:4) *“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”*, He transforms our purpose (1 Peter 2:9). *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (Romans 8:29) “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”*

Jesus has the Authority to Correct (John 2:13-17) All males over 19 years of age and who lived 15 miles from Jerusalem were required to go to Jerusalem during the Passover and pay a temple tax. They would usually pay the tax then purchase an animal to offer as a sacrifice. When Jesus came to the temple it did not resemble a house of prayer and worship, but it resembled a mall of prophet. In zeal and righteous anger, Jesus corrects those participating by turning over tables and crafting a whip. Allow me to use this example. Just say someone was hurting your wife or husband. Out of righteous anger, you would defend her or him. If I set back and looked the other way, than my love for my wife was surface at best. Jesus loves the church, died for it. This could be a type of foreshadowing of how He would defend His bride the church today and for eternity.

Jesus Predicts that He will Conquer Death (John 2:18-22) Jesus came to die, be buried, and be resurrected on the 3rd day. He did this so that we too, would have the promise of the resurrection one day.

- a. **Jesus is the resurrection.** (v.19) (John 11:25-26) *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*
- b. **Jesus is remembered for fulfilling His promises.** (v.22)

Jesus Knows the Condition of the Human Heart (John 2:23-25) This passage displays the omniscience power of Jesus Christ, that He is all-knowing. Dr. Luke also gives us a glimpse of this. (Luke 16:15) *"And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."*

Application:

There are several different takeaways from this passage. One specific takeaway is for us to first rest in the all-supreme power of Jesus Christ. He is the Creator, the Sustainer, the Life Giver, and our eternal hope. You may have run from Christ for years, but it is only one small step to return, ask Him. He knows your heart! He loves you, He's ready for you to return!