

FOLLOW THE SIGNS

Sign #1: Turning Water into Wine

John 2:1-11

Faith - Belief

We believe based on **evidence**.

We believe based on our **confidence** in the person delivering the evidence.

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"Well, you just have to believe..."

"You just have to have faith..."

John didn't tell us **what** to believe; he shared with us **why** he believed.

But **these** are written **that** you may **believe** that Jesus is the **Messiah**, the **Son of God**, and that **by believing** you may have **life** in his **name**. (John 20:31, NIV)

_____ -> _____ -> _____ -> _____

Seven Signs of the Identity of Jesus: Sign #1) Turning Water into Wine.

The Evidence:

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." (John 2:1-3, NIV)

You can _____ to Jesus in a _____ ...

... and you can trust Him even when you don't _____ what to _____.

*"Woman, why do you **involve** me?" Jesus replied. "My **time** has not yet come." (John 2:4, NIV)*

The Evidence:

His mother said to the servants, "Do **whatever** he tells you." (John 2:5, NIV)

You can _____ what Jesus says is _____ ...

... and you can trust what He says is right even when you don't _____ what is _____.

When you do what Jesus says, it **works** and it **works out!**

The Evidence:

Nearby stood six stone **water jars**, the kind used by the Jews for **ceremonial washing**, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. (John 2:6, NIV)

These were **icons** of the covenant and the traditions that Jesus had come to **replace**.

Jesus is the better _____ of the _____ God...

... and you can trust Him as your best _____ for _____.

*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**." (John 2:7-10, NIV)*

The Evidence:

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the **first** of the **signs** through which he **revealed his glory**; and his disciples **believed** in him. (John 2:11, NIV)

The **signs** pointed to the **evidence** that lead to **belief** and that enabled **trust**.

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You can **turn** to Jesus in a **crisis**...

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