

THE ARTISAN SOUL – 2 UNUSUAL MIRACLES

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,⁹ 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 aside¹⁰ 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."¹¹ 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 2:1-11

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?"⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."¹⁰ "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.¹¹ He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes"... John 9:1-11

TALK IT OVER

- Are you bringing your very best to God? If not, what's holding you back?
- How does it make you feel knowing that you are a work of art created by God?
- What do you think God wants to create through you? What do you have that He can work with?

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