

Deane Church & Lostock Church
Bible Study 23rd September 2018
John 2:1-11

Without reading the passage, as a group, see if you can write down together the account recorded in John 2:1-11. Who was there? What happened? Who said what?

Now compare what you've written with John 2:1-11. Was there anything that you missed out?!

It's a passage that many of us are familiar with. We know that Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana. But what's the point of the miracle?

Have a look at v11.

1. What do you understand by the phrase 'his glory'? How does this miracle reveal the glory of Jesus?

Something that may help:

Jonathan Edwards (the 18th century American theologian & preacher not the 20th century Olympic triple jump gold medalist!) suggests that the unique glory of Jesus was that 'diverse excellencies' unite in him. It is a coming together in one person of the perfect balance and proportion of extremely diverse qualities:

- glorious, but mingled with humility
- completely just, but mingled with mercy
- majestic, but with meekness
- equal with God, but with a deep reverence for God
- worthy of all good, but accompanied by an amazing patience to suffer evil
- sovereign over the world, but clothed with a spirit of obedience and submission
- able to humble proud scribes with his wisdom, but simple enough to like children and spending time with them
- able to still the storm, but refusing to use that power to get himself down from the cross.

Do you see any examples of those 'diverse qualities being united' in the passage?

2. In verse 11 John makes the connection between the revelation of the glory of Jesus and the disciples putting their faith in him. What do you think that connection is? How does that connection work?

3. In John 20:31 he also makes the connection between him writing down the signs that revealed the glory of Jesus and us believing and having life in his name. Spend a little bit of time talking about how reading about the miraculous signs have had an impact on your journey of faith.

4. How, as two local churches, can we play our part in making the glory of Jesus known?