

The First Sign: Wedding at Cana John 2:1-11 RSV I AM THE TRUE VINE

The true vine or Christ is the connection to the source of all life and energy.

On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage with his disciples. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, "There is no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

A transformation can take place when we allow our Christ awareness to assume a directive role in our thinking and feeling. The union of thinking and feeling is a wedding that produces **offspring**--dimensions and developments added to consciousness. **The soul**, represented by Mary, through **intuition** can see that it is futile to live lifetime after lifetime in the strictly "human" plane of existence where the wine runs out and life is spent. The intuition knows when the soul is ready for this next step and need no longer be dependent on only physical forces.

The servants represent the obedience of certain activities within us which will carry out the word of the Christ which comes through spiritual awareness. This is the foundation for affirmation. **Water jars** stand for the cells of the body, while the water itself stands for the pure **potential for transformation** awaiting the word of power. The water is colorless, tasteless, and in a sense invisible. It is not the finished product it will become. Yet all that we need for a higher transformed state of life is present. When the water becomes wine, the potential becomes actual.

Alchemy--transmutation; changing in action and character from the mortal into the spiritual. Mind is the crucible for transmuting ideal into the real. Soul and not generate energy on its own, must call on the Christ.

Humanly we think that the water must go through grapes to become wine. However, the water becomes wine without passing through grapes because it is a potential that was built into water from the beginning.

vs.11 clue as to the nature of the Christ is us. ‘discern the real truth of being and our relation to it. This high perception of union through the Christ IAM with divine harmony sets up a sympathetic vibration that is imparted to every cell. Soul can’t generate energy on its own--must call on the Christ.

Capernaum healing virtue pours out of soul and transforms all discord into harmony.