

John 2:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee;
and the mother of Jesus was there:

Analysis

The 'third day' may foreshadow Christ's resurrection, John's first use of symbolic timing. Cana's wedding represents the joy of salvation, with Mary's presence suggesting her trust in Jesus despite no previous public miracles. This first sign reveals Christ's glory by transforming the old covenant (water in purification jars) into the new (abundant wine), superior in quality and quantity—a preview of grace replacing law.

Historical Context

Cana was a small Galilean village near Nazareth. First-century Jewish weddings lasted a week, and running out of wine brought shame on the family. Water jars held 20-30 gallons each, showing the abundance of Christ's provision.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What 'water' in your life needs Christ's transforming touch to become 'wine'?

2. How does this miracle demonstrate that Christ cares about everyday human concerns?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	τῇ	ἡμέρᾳ	τῇ	τρίτῃ	γάμος	ἐγένετο	ἐν	Κανὰ
And	G3588	day	G3588	the third	a marriage	there was	in	Cana
G2532		G2250		G5154	G1062	G1096	G1722	G2580
τῆς	Γαλιλαίας	καὶ	ἦν	ἡ	μήτηρ	τοῦ	Ἰησοῦ	ἐκεῖ·
G3588	of Galilee	And	was	G3588	the mother	G3588	of Jesus	there
	G1056	G2532	G2258		G3384		G2424	G1563

Additional Cross-References

John 4:46 (References Jesus): So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

John 21:2 (Parallel theme): There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

Proverbs 18:22 (Parallel theme): Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

Matthew 12:46 (Parallel theme): While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.