

John 2:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

Analysis

The servants draw water and take it to the 'governor of the feast' (architriklinos)—the headwaiter or master of ceremonies responsible for provisions. Only the servants know the miracle's source; they drew water and delivered wine. This pattern continues throughout John: humble servants understand what officials miss. Faith sees what sophistication overlooks. The servants' silent knowledge contrasts with the governor's surprised ignorance.

Historical Context

The architriklinos was responsible for testing wine quality and managing service. He was an honored position at the feast. His ignorance of the wine's source while servants knew pictures how spiritual knowledge often belongs to the humble rather than the prominent.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Why do humble servants often understand spiritual realities that officials miss?
2. How does God use ordinary means (servants drawing water) to accomplish extraordinary ends?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	λέγει	αὐτοῖς	Ἀντλήσατε	νῦν	καὶ	ἤνεγκαν	τῷ
And	he saith	unto them	Draw out	now	And	bear	G3588
G2532	G3004	G846	G501	G3568	G2532	G5342	
ἀρχιτρικλίνῳ·			καὶ	ἤνεγκαν			
unto the governor of the feast			And	bear			
G755			G2532	G5342			

Additional Cross-References

John 2:9 (Parallel theme): When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,