

John 4:54

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

Analysis

John's careful enumeration ('second miracle') creates a deliberate parallel between the wedding's joy and this family's restoration. Both signs occurred in Galilee, Christ's home region that would largely reject Him (6:66). The pattern of escalating signs—from wine to healing to life—foreshadows the ultimate sign: Christ's own resurrection. This methodical structure serves John's stated purpose: that readers might believe Jesus is the Christ (20:31).

Historical Context

By noting this as the 'second sign', John establishes a counting system that early church fathers recognized. Unlike the synoptic Gospels which record many miracles, John selects seven specific signs to prove Christ's deity.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. Why does John emphasize the number and order of Christ's signs?

2. How do Christ's miracles serve as evidence for belief rather than merely demonstrations of power?

Interlinear Text

Τοῦτο	πάλιν	δεύτερον	σημεῖον	ἐποίησεν	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς
This	is again	the second	miracle	did	G3588	that Jesus
G5124	G3825	G1208	G4592	G4160		G2424
ἐλθὼν	ἐκ	τῆς	Ἰουδαίας	εἰς	τὴν	Γαλιλαίαν
when he was come out	of	G3588	Judaea	into	G3588	Galilee
G2064	G1537		G2449	G1519		G1056

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