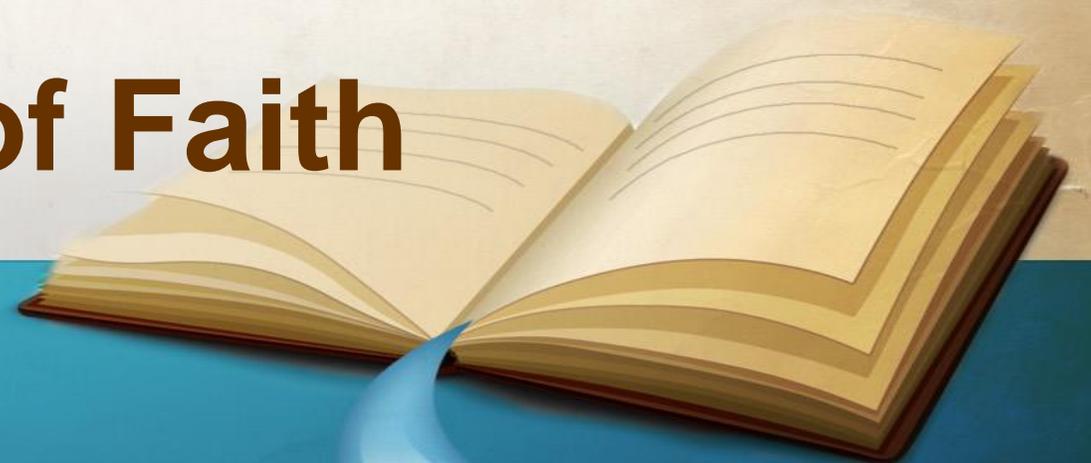


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## The Gospel of Faith



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# The Superiority of Jesus

Grace of Jesus

Law of Moses

John 1.16

Living Water

Jacob's Well

John 4.11-14

Jesus' Temple

Herod's Temple

John 2.19-20

Bread of Life

Manna

John 6.47-51

Spiritual Birth

Physical Birth

John 3.3-6

Jesus

Abraham

John 8.56-58

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# The Wedding at Cana

## – John 2.1-12

### ➤ “My hour has not yet come”

A. Usually a reference to Christ’s death & resurrection/glorification

B. Paraphrased “The hour of Great wine has not yet come”

- 1) Wine would flow liberally in the Messianic Age (Jer. 31.12; Amos 9.13-14)
- 2) The wedding symbol is used to describe the Messianic Age (Matt. 22.1-14; 25.1-13)
- 3) Jesus is the Messianic bridegroom (John 3.29; Eph. 5.22-33; Rev. 18.23, 19.7, 21.2, 9)

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# The Wedding at Cana – John 2.1-12

## ➤ “Fill the jars with water”

A. In keeping with the theme of Jesus’ superiority:

- 1) The empty jars of purification represent the fading Jewish system
- 2) By filling the jars with wine, Jesus demonstrates the superiority of the Messianic Kingdom
  - a) The sheer quantity symbolizes the lavish blessings in Christ
  - b) The quality of the wine is far superior

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# The Wedding at Cana – John 2.1-12

- **“The first of His signs”**
  - A. John often refers to the miracles of Jesus as “signs”
    - 1) They were more than just sheer demonstrations of power, they served as evidence to His deity (John 20.30-31)
    - 2) It resulted in a strengthening of the disciples' faith
    - 3) Jesus' glory was seen (John 1.14)
- **Doesn't negate the warning passages about alcohol.**

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# Jesus Cleanses the Temple

## – John 2.13-25

### ➤ “Take these things away”

- A. God is angered when we profane His things
- B. Jesus demonstrates righteous anger
  - 1) Jesus was concerned with the pure worship of God
  - 2) We must not profane the worship of God

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# Jesus Cleanses the Temple

## – John 2.13-25

- **“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up”**
  - A. Jesus cleansed the temple and would later replace it
  - B. This would be the greatest sign of Jesus’ authority
    - 1) If Jesus had the power to rebuild the temple in such a manner, then He certainly had the authority to dictate how worship was to be conducted in it
    - 2) The resurrection is the crux on which Christianity rests (1 Cor. 15.17-27)
    - 3) This sign would bring about absolute faith in His disciples

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Jesus knows what's in  
man!

What's in you?

