

The FIRST SIGN - JNO 2:1-11

Intro:

In Jno always 2 things = a simple surface story anyone can understand & re-tell @ a deeper significance to those w/ eyes to see & ears to hear.

The Sign reveals:

- I - X's Sympathy w/ the Troubles of Life - Trivial things
- 1 - Hospitality was a sacred duty - shame & humiliation on the host - a blanket of gloom over joyous occasion
 - 2 - First sign to save a humble Galilean family from hurt & humiliation - In sympathy, kindness, understanding ^{2nd} when he blessed the food, disciples recognized Jesus.
 - 3 - The sphere of X's rule is everything that touches life.

II - X's Power to Transform Troubles "Water to Wine"

- 1 - Not a word spoken, no means employed, just the sheer force of His own Will ^{JARS} ^{(1) Well water} ^{(2) Fountains of eternal religion to satisfy}
- 2 - Wine, in O.T. symbol of joy & gladness - when X comes into a life ~~there~~ it's like turning water into wine. Life no longer dull & stale or flat. When X comes into life becomes vivid, sparkling, refreshing
- 3 - X comes w/ the gift of joy in His hands, to make life glad. X comes to transform earthly wells into heavenly fountains.
- 4 - Common joys transformed - X ennobles all He touches, making saints out of sinners

III - X's Sufficiency That Transcends Human

Expectation = "Best till last"

1 - By Quantity Produced = Draw from well w/ bucket & rope of 4:15 = Jars filled to show well not tattered w/ - X wasn't a hoarder

2 - Bare, take = a durative present - "go on taking" as long as there is need - Cf - fragments from OTD: not leftovers. Portions

2 - By Quality Produced - Master of feast - Tasted perf part - the taste stayed w/ him = saved the best till last. (1) ~~with~~ with sin, the first time is the best - it will never taste that good again. Dan 2:31 statue head of gold, feet of clay