Three Manifestations of Christ’s Glory in the Changing of Water into Wine – John 2:1-11

1. Christ’s Glory as the Submissive Son (vv.1-5)
   1. Everybody must come in subjection to His Messiahship (“What do you and I have in common…woman?”)

*“Now that he had entered into the purpose of his coming, everything, even family ties, had to be subordinated to his divine mission.” (D.A. Carson)*

* 1. Everything must come in subordination to His mission because He is in perfect subordination to the mission of His Father (cf. 12:23-24; 8:28)

*“Any aspect of this ministry could never be in response to human schedules; it could reflect only the timing of the Father’s will.” (D.A. Carson)*

1. Christ’s Glory as the One who Offers True Purification for Sin (vv.6-8)
   1. The presence of water vessels for Jewish purification (v.6)
   2. The transformation of *this* water into wine (vv.7-8)
   3. The connection back to His hour (v.4) 1 Jn. 1:7; Jn. 6:53-54)
      1. The core of Jesus’ mission will consist of creating a way whereby real and lasting *purification* for sins is possible (cf. 1:29-34; Ezk. 36:25-27).
      2. Jesus will transform the entire system of Judaism by providing cleansing from sin that ritual washing could never provide.

*“He changes the water of Judaism into the wine of Christianity, the water of Christlessness into the wine of the richness and the fullness of eternal life in Christ, the water of the law into the wine of the gospel.” (Leon Morris)*

* + 1. This will be accomplished through His shed blood (1 Jn. 1:7) and received by faith (Jn. 6:53-54).
    2. His provision will be abundant and inexhaustible (“filled to the brim;” 1:16)

1. Christ’s Glory as the Bridegroom who Abundantly Provides for His People (vv.9-11)
   1. The failure of the earthly bridegroom; the provision of the True Bridegroom (v.9; cf. 3:29)
      1. He provides God’s favor, symbolized by wine, in abundance (cf. Deut. 33:28; Prov. 3:10; Joel 2:19, 24)
      2. He provides the coming Messianic Banquet (Jer. 31:12; Lk. 14:16-24; Rev. 19:9)
   2. The custom of man; the wisdom of God (v.10)
      1. According to man’s plan, the best comes first
      2. According to God’s plan, the best comes last! (Jn. 1:15,27,29)