

Ensure fellowship with God through 1 John 1:9

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

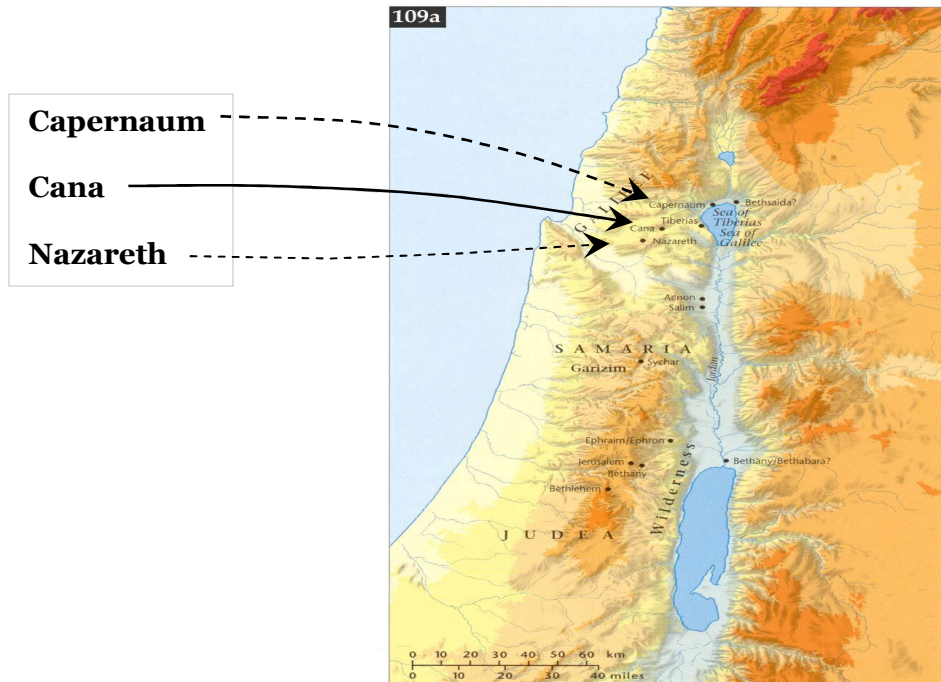
Historical Chronology between Matt 4:11 and 12 (Review)

1. Jesus returns to Judea after the wilderness testing and John [the Herald] identifies Him as the promised Messiah (John 1:29-36).
2. Christ calls disciples and travels to Galilee (John 1:37-49).
(Not the same as His withdrawal to Galilee in Mt 4:12)
 - Andrew and John - - vv. 37-39
 - Peter - - vs. 40-42
 - Philip - - vs. 43
 - Nathanael - - vv. 45-49
3. First miracle was at the wedding in Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-11).

John 2:1-12

(1) On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;

- Mary was invited to the wedding because she was related to either the bride or the bridegroom.



(2) and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

- In fact, Jesus was invited but the disciples were not.
 - The verb invited (**καλέω**) is a 3rd Person Singular referring to Jesus- He was invited.

- The disciples attended the wedding because they were His traveling students therefore, the disciples were wedding crashers.

(3) When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

“Ran out” - ὕστερόν – HUSTEREO – implies that the wine ran out because it was someone’s fault.

- Mary sees this as her Son’s fault because He brought five disciples and she is embarrassed.
- This is why she approaches Him and says “they have no wine.”
- This is a horrible reflection on the hosts – the bridegroom and his family.
- So Mary, in her embarrassment, implies that the problem is the fault of Jesus who brought five uninvited guests.
- Therefore, she approaches Jesus in order to fix the problem because she knows that He can.

(4) And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us?..."

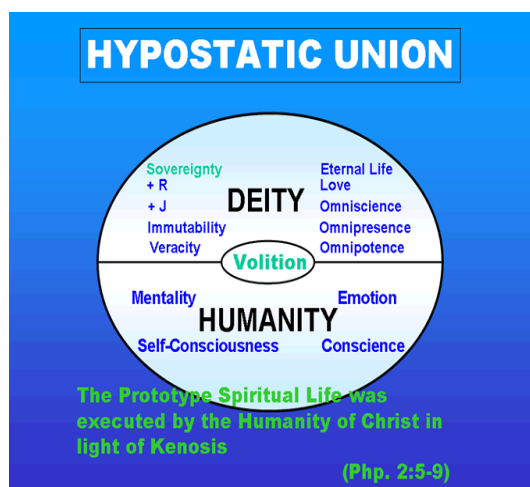
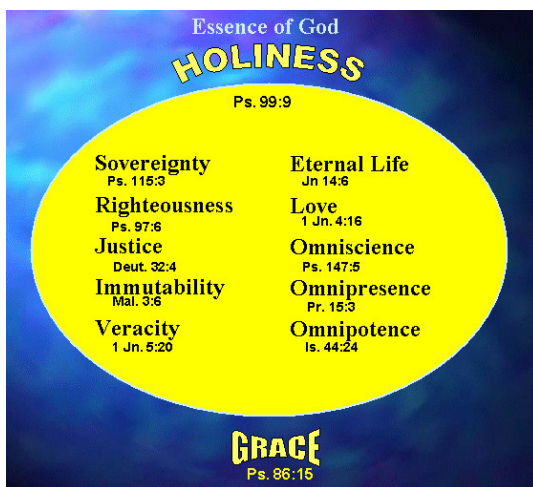
- Jesus rebukes her in a gentle manner.
- CT: “What is this between you and Me, woman (γυνή – GUNE - “woman”)?”
 - GUNE Woman is a gentle rebuke designed to redirect Mary’s attention.
 - Jesus addresses her as “woman” to establish His authority as Messiah and it shocks Mary back into focus on who he is as Messiah.

...My hour has not yet come."

- In essence He is saying “It is not time for Me to reveal My glory as Messiah” in the sense that Mary did not have the prerogative to tell God what to do.
- It is the Father’s prerogative as to when the Son’s glory will be revealed through miraculous signs- NOT Mary’s.
- Mary wants Him to fix the problem because she is embarrassed and that is wrong motivation.

(5) His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

- This vs. reflects that Mary understood.
- She has completely placed the situation in His hands to solve – she is now focused on who He is and God’s prerogative to solve the problem.
- How is His glory revealed? Through the exercise of divine attributes.



- So what you have is the God-man executing the prototype spiritual life from His humanity in light of the doctrine of kenosis (found in Phil 2:5-9).
- KENOSIS - Christ subordinated the independent use of His divine attributes (deity) to the Father.
- When or if divine attributes were exercised, they were always exercised in accordance with the Father's plan, will and purpose for the life of Christ.

"Whatever He says to you, do it."

Epitome of the faith-rest drill in application of the essence of God rationale.

Mary had no idea how He would solve the problem – or when – only that He would.

Principle – We do not need to know how or when the Lord is going to answer our request. We just need to trust that He will.

(6) Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. Approximately 150 gallons.

(7) Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." **His command.** So they filled them up to the brim. **Their obedience.**

(8) And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the **headwaiter.**" So they took it to him.

"Headwaiter" - ἀρχιτρικλινος

ARCHITRIKLINOS – "Toastmaster or Master of ceremonies"
"Headwaiter"

In the ancient world, how guests were treated was a reflection on the host.

Responsibilities of the headwaiter or Master of Ceremonies (MC).

1. Headwaiter planned accordingly for the number of guests to insure the feast was not stocked out (running out of food or drink is an embarrassment).
2. Headwaiter would sample all food and wine to insure it is fitting for the guests.
3. Headwaiter directed the wait staff to insure quality and promptness of service.
4. Headwaiter facilitated conversation among the guests by introductions and toasts.
5. Headwaiter maintained order and decorum.

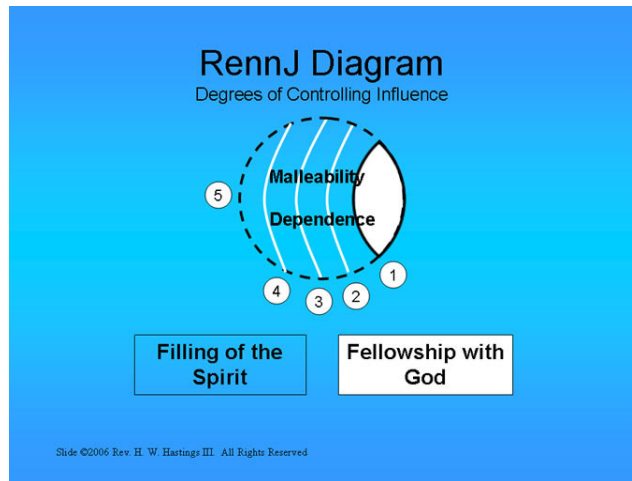
(9) When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom,

(10) and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now."

Principle – Those who focus on the Lord will observe His hand in their life.

How do you focus on the Lord?

1. Secure fellowship with God through 1 John 1:9 – then maintain fellowship with God with malleability and dependence on God the Holy Spirit (see RennJ diagram).



2. Grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by studying the word of God.
3. Maintain situational awareness to the mentorship responsibilities of the Holy Spirit (live this life through the power He has provided).



(11) This beginning of His **signs** Jesus did in Cana of Galilee...

“**Signs**” - σημεῖον

SEMEION – “*Something that points to something, pointing something out*”

- The sign was tantamount to the miracle – turning the water into wine.
- The importance was not in the miracle but what it pointed to.

He healed the sick – He had authority over sickness!
He raised the dead – He had authority over life and death!
He walked on water and commanded the elements – He had authority over the elements!

- The significance of the miracles is that they testified to the person that he was (God).
- During His wilderness testing, wild beasts were about Him but did not hurt Him – a testimony that He had authority over the created order.

- When He cast out demons, He demonstrated His authority over the angelic realm.
- Only God has that authority.

In view of this first miracle, what is the first thing that God did that is recorded in our Bible?

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created...”

“Created” – בָּרָא

BARA – “To create something out of nothing”

Genesis 2:7 “Then the Lord God formed...”

“Formed” – יָצַר

YATSAR – “To create something out of something”

Here in John 2 our Lord created something out of something; wine out of water.

In light of this miracle, we should cheer in our souls.

This miracle points to who Jesus Christ was as the Creator!

Colossians 1:15-16

(15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

(16) For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--**all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

Isaiah 25:6

(6) The LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet (a feast – the Lord is a great Host) for all peoples on this mountain; **a banquet of aged wine**, choice pieces with marrow, and **refined, aged wine.**

...and **manifested His glory...**

- Anytime God exercises His divine attributes, it is a manifestation of His glory.
- This exercise of divine attributes was within the Father’s will.

...and His disciples (HAD) **believed in Him.** Past tense – note back in John 1 that they believed when they were called.

- They did not need a miracle to confirm any belief in Him.
- The miracle strengthened their faith.

POD – (*Review*) - Experiential blessings are available for the believer who walks with the Lord.

- Are you not strengthened in your faith when you see the Lord’s hand in your life through the providential direction of circumstances?
- How do you see that hand? By focusing on the Lord – see page 3.

(12) After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days. They are going to Capernaum to link up with a caravan that is departing for Jerusalem to attend Passover.

Bear in mind that John the Herald’s ministry continues throughout these events.

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