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> *"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there."* — **John 2:1 (KJV)**

> **Highlight key:** = the big truth · = the treasure · **bold** = key terms

Jesus' very first miracle wasn't random. Hidden inside it is the whole story of your salvation.

The Question Everyone Asks

Of all the things Jesus could have done first, why this? Think about it. Jesus could have healed the blind, raised the dead, or calmed a storm as His opening miracle. Instead, He turned **water into wine** at a wedding party.

How can *that* be the first miracle? It can — and it's perfect — once you stop staring at the party and start following **the plan of salvation hidden inside the wine**.

First Clue: The Wine Is His Blood

At the Last Supper, Jesus lifted the cup and told us plainly what the wine stands for:

> *"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."* — **Matthew 26:28 (KJV)**

So lock this in: **wine is a picture of blood**. That one fact unlocks the whole miracle. Jesus is the **Water of Life**. He died for you and poured out His blood — and His blood is the wine. So when He turns **water into wine**, He is acting out the gospel right there at the table.

> **Don't miss it:** You thought this was a story about a drink at a party? It isn't. **He's following a plan.**

Second Clue: Count the Days

John 2:1 says the wedding was on **“the third day.”** But hold on — the *third* day, not the seventh? If Jesus is re-creating something, you’d expect **seven** days, like Genesis. So let’s actually count, starting back in John chapter 1.

“Who art thou?” **(John 1:19)**	**+1 → 1**
“The next day” **(John 1:29)**	**+1 → 2**
“Again the next day” **(John 1:35)**	**+1 → 3**
“The day following” **(John 1:43)**	**+1 → 4**
“And the third day…” the wedding **(John 2:1)**	**+3 → 7**

4 + 3 = 7

A full creation week — ending in a wedding.

Read John 2:1 on its own and you only hear *“after three days.”* But trace the trail — next day, next day, next day (that’s four), then add the three — and you land on **seven days**.

See the four verses in full

“And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?” — **John 1:19 (KJV)**

“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” — **John 1:29 (KJV)**

“Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples.” — **John 1:35 (KJV)**

“The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.” — **John 1:43 (KJV)**

The Seventh Day Was Always a Wedding

What happened on the seventh day at the very beginning? **God rested**. And what had He just given Adam and Eve? **A wedding** — the first marriage on earth.

Now look at the match. On the seventh day of John's count, Jesus shows up at **a marriage in Cana**. He *waited* for the seventh day — and notice, it really is a wedding. Here are the two weeks laid out day by day, side by side. Read it left to right — the same shape, finishing at the same place: **a wedding**.

DAY	CREATION WEEK (GENESIS)	JOHN'S ACCOUNT → CANA
1	Earth is "without form, and void" — darkness, **no knowledge yet**, a question in the air. **(Gen 1:2)**	John is asked *"Who art thou?"* — the account opens with **a question**, just like the void. **(John 1:19)**
2	God's work of creation carries on.	*"The next day…"* **(John 1:29)**
3	God's work of creation carries on.	*"Again the next day…"* **(John 1:35)**
4	God's work of creation carries on.	*"The day following…"* **(John 1:43)**
5–6	The week moves on toward rest.	John 2:1 says *"the third day"* — that **+3** jumps the count three days ahead.
7	**God rests** — and gives Adam & Eve their **wedding**	Jesus is at **the marriage in Cana** — turning **water into wine** . **(John 2:1)**

> *4 days (John 1) + 3 days ("the third day", John 2:1) = 7. The wedding lands on day 7 — exactly like creation.*

The two clearest matches the preacher points to are the **opening question** (day 1) and the **seventh-day wedding** (day 7); the days in between simply follow the same unfolding order. Same pattern. Same destination. It isn't a coincidence — it's a **copy**.

He Is Re-Creating the World

Go right back to how the Bible opens:

> *"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."* — **Genesis 1:2 (KJV)**

Creation begins in a **void**. Nobody knows what's happening yet. There's no knowledge — just emptiness and a question hanging in the dark: *to whom? of whom?* Now look at how John opens. People come asking, *"Where is Jesus?"* — *"Who art thou?"* (John 1:19). A **question** stands right at the start, exactly like the question at the start of creation. The same void, waiting to be filled with light.

> **Picture it side by side:** Genesis opens with a formless void and an unanswered question. John opens with *"Who art thou?"* From Genesis 1:2 onward — through John 1:29, 1:35, 1:43 — the plan unfolds *just as it did in the days of creation*: on to Adam and Eve, on to Mary, on to the seventh day where God rested and the wedding takes place.

And there, at that wedding, the Water of Life gives His blood — water becomes wine — and it all comes together.

> **Here's the heart of it:** Jesus is saying, in effect: **"I'm re-creating the world by going back to what God did, following it, and copying it."**

That's why water into wine could be the first miracle. It was never just a party trick. It was the gospel — written in days, in wine, and in a wedding.

The Takeaway

Next time someone asks why Jesus' first miracle was water into wine, show them the plan tucked inside:

1. **The wine is His blood.** Wine pictures blood — and Jesus, the Water of Life, poured out His blood for you.
2. **Count the days.** John 1:19, 1:29, 1:35, 1:43 give four days; John 2:1 adds three. **4 + 3 = 7** — a full creation week.
3. **The seventh day is a wedding.** Just as God rested on day 7 and gave Adam & Eve a wedding, Jesus arrives at a wedding in Cana.
4. **He's re-creating the world.** The void, the question, the unfolding days, the rest, the marriage — Jesus copies what God did at the very beginning.

> Your Saviour never does anything by accident. Even His *first* miracle held the whole story of your salvation — and the One who re-created the world that day is re-creating *you* too.
