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The wedding feast in Cana took place seven days after the testimony given by John about the baptism that he gave only in water, while "there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (John 1: 26)... and he was referring to Jesus. ... He had said of him the next day: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away (= takes upon himself) the sin of the world" (John 1: 29). And again the next day: "as he watched Jesus walked by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus." (John 1: 36 – 37). They were Andrew and John. Some more time went by and "the next day he decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me!" (...) Philip found Nathanael (John 1, 43 – 45) and he presented him to Jesus and they had a marvelous dialogue just the two of them and Nathanael exclaimed: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel" (John 1: 49).

... Three days later, so just seven days after the witness of the Baptist, behold the wedding feast at Cana: the first manifestation of the glory, or the divine power, of Jesus! By now Jesus had a small group of disciples with him and he brought them to "a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there" (John 2: 1). We know that when Mary noticed that the wine was almost finished, she went close to Jesus and told him. He answered with these enigmatic words: "Woman, how does your concern affect me?" (Literally: "What is there between me and you?" A recurrent phrase in the Jewish environment and in the Greek language which is used to place a certain difference of ranks, or level, between two interlocutors).



"My hour has not yet come open" (John 2: 4).

Jesus did not intend in anyway to be disrespectful towards his Mother rather he wanted to make her understand – as He did when He was twelve – that He depended on the Will of the Father. In other words: "Does the Father truly want 'now' that I manifest my glory through a sign of the divine power that is in me?" But behold that this "hour" had truly come and Jesus will change the water into wine... and into the best wine that will even be praised by he who presided over the banquet!

"Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him" (John 2: 11).

In the theology of St. John "the signs" indicate the miracles by which God reveals and accredits the divinity of His Son and they invite all mankind to perceive the divine filiation of Jesus.

Furthermore, during this "seventh day" – almost like in a new creation – there is the first manifestation of the divine glory in the works of Jesus.

We too, like Mary and the disciples, must believe in Jesus Christ because He can do everything! Yes, "nothing is impossible for God" (Luke 1: 37).



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