

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

John 2:1-11

1 And on the third day [1.] there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was already there, arranging the flowers, and other things besides.

2 And it came to pass that Jesus was invited, along with his disciples, to the wedding, though the bridegroom knew him not. But the bride knoweth him well. [2.]

3 And suddenly, when the Reception was at its height, the toasts made, and the disco had not yet taken place, the caterers wanted more wine, but they found they had none. Noticing this, the mother of Jesus approached him and saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 And Jesus saith unto her, Mother! It's nothing to do with me. Can'st thou not see that it's a parish catering problem. And anyway I don't have the time. [3.]

5 But his mother knoweth Him better than He knoweth Himself (for her paps had nursed Him exceedingly, and all that,), and saith she unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you, just do it.

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, set aside, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, with room within for two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto the sommelier, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And lo! This was a firkin lot of water. Indeed.

8 And He saith unto them, Draw out a flagon of it, and take it unto the father of the bride. And they taketh it, though some doubted and saith they would lose their wages because of this jolly jape. And it was thus so.

9 When the bride's father had tasted the water that was made wine, he knew not whence it camest: (but the servants which drew the water knew and muttereth to each other, It is Jesus' water.) And they winketh exceedingly one to another. And then the father went unto the bridegroom.

10 And he saith unto him, Nice nose! And he saith unto him, Thank you! Yet he saith unto him, No, I meant the wine. Merlot, yes? Every man at the beginning of the feast doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk and are becoming super-merry and cavorting on the dance floor, then that which is worse, for they will not notice how sour it is: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. Well, except for that 7 BC Cabernet. Now that was a wine! (Let the reader understand, a bottle of such was kept for the bridal chamber.)

11 This beginning of signs did Jesus do in Cana of Galilee, and in the author's opinion manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him, but they were never invited to a wedding again because of their singing. Verily.

[1.] With such a reference it is impossible to say which day of the week it was, though it would not have been the Sabbath for such ceremonies were not allowed on that holy day since the synagogues were fully booked with their worship schedules and the civil registration office was closed.

[2.] Here the Greek is obscure.

[3.] Many translations incorrectly render this comment as "My time is not yet come" which makes little sense.