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Psalm 33:3

This psalm is an acrostic poem, each verse beginning with the successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Psalm 34:11

1 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
2 For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
3 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Taste and See That the Lord Is Good

1 Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 34:11

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
9 Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!
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**John 5:45**

receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 46 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 47 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 48 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

**Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand**

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip

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**John 6:15**

answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, 9 “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” 10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.
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God, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom God fulfilled his promises. In a world that worships hundreds of gods, there is only one God who sends "the gospel" (Rom. 1:1). The word "gospel" means "good news." When the Bible uses the word it is specifically referring to the good news of a Savior who conquers sin, destroys death, and will rescue the creation from its decay (Rom. 1:18–39). This gospel was promised in the Old Testament (Is. 53:11). The Scripture pointed to David's Descendant, God's Son, who was raised from the dead to demonstrate God's power and affirmation of Jesus' saving work on the cross (v. 4). To proclaim the message of salvation, God graciously set apart messengers (apostles) like Paul (vv. 1, 6). They announced a message to be received "among all the nations" (v. 5), in fulfillment of God's promise to bless the world through Abraham (Gen. 12:1–3). That message and blessing continue to spread throughout the world today. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! God is graciously spreading the gospel throughout the world, offering the only true remedy for sin and death. Take a moment to thank him for bringing the gospel into your life, and ask him to use you to bring that same blessing into the lives of others. Romans 1:1–7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection
God fulfills his promises. In a world that worships hundreds of gods, there is only one God who sends "the gospel" (Rom. 1:1). The word "gospel" means "good news." When the Bible uses the word it is specifically referring to the good news of a Savior who conquers sin, destroys death, and will rescue the creation from its decay (Rom. 1:18–39). This gospel was promised in the Old Testament (Is. 53:11). The Scripture pointed to David's Descendant, God's Son, who was raised from the dead to demonstrate God's power and affirmation of Jesus' saving work on the cross (v. 4). To proclaim the message of salvation, God graciously set apart messengers (apostles) like Paul (vv. 1, 6). They announced a message to be received "among all the nations" (v. 5), in fulfillment of God's promise to bless the world through Abraham (Gen. 12:1–3). That message and blessing continue to spread throughout the world today.

Psalm 106:7–9
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

January 2

Matthew 1:18–25
Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And his husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Then he took out that which the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Reflection
The angel's message to Joseph is good news. Mary's Son will bring the salvation of the Lord. He will save people not merely in the physical sense (Matt. 1:21; 10:22) but in the most important sense because he will bring salvation from sins. Everyone has sinned against God, failing to worship him and causing tragic harm to others (Rom. 1:18–32; 3:9–20, 23), but God sent Jesus to clearly show us that he is a merciful and forgiving God (Ps. 130:3–4, 7–8). Jesus, who is God, came to earth and fulfilled the promise in Isaiah 7:14 that "Immanuel" would come (Matt. 1:23). When Jesus was among his
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So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. The tree of life was in the garden, and the man became a living creature. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Seventh Day, God Rests

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

The Creation of Man and Woman

1 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

2 When no bush of the field1 was yet in the land1 and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist went up from the land and watered the whole face of the ground—7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

3 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.

1 Or flying things; see Leviticus 11:19–20 2 The Hebrew word for man (adam) is the generic term for mankind and becomes the proper name Adam

4 Or open country 5 Or earth, also verse 6 7 Or spring 8 Or when you eat 9 Or corresponding gen.; also verse 20 10 Or And out of the ground the Lord God formed; Or the man

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Jesus Cleanses the Temple

10 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 11 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 12 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

You Must Be Born Again

12 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 13 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 14 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 15 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 16 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 17 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 18 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 19 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 20 Nicodemus said to him, “How can things be?” 21 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 22 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 23 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 24 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 25 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 26 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 27 For God So Loved the World: 28 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 29 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 30 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 31 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 32 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 33 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

John the Baptist Exalts Christ

1 After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. 2 Then John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized 3 (for John had not yet been put in prison). 4 Now a discussion arose between some of John’s disciples and a Jew over purification. 5 And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.” 6 John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. 7 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ 8 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. Who then is the bridegroom? He who has the bride is the bridegroom.”
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Jesus asked them a question, **“What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?”** They said to him, **“The son of David.”** He said to them, **“How is it then that David, by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ‘You are my Son, the Most High God’ (Ps. 2:7)?”**

The Sadducees, who believed that the resurrection was an absurd idea, **“You are wrong. We say there is no resurrection because we have no evidence of it.”**

The Pharisees, on the other hand, believed in the resurrection. **“Jesus is an expert in the law; it is another term for ‘scribes, teachers of the law’ (v. 22).”**

Jesus, using a common saying of the rabbis, **“Every expert in the law will be held to a higher standard than the others.”**

Jesus asked the leaders, **“Tell me, what commandment is the greatest of all?”** The Pharisees and Sadducees argued over the greatest commandment.

The Pharisees believed that the greatest commandment was to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. They believed that obedience to the “great commandment” was the key to a right relationship with God. The Pharisees believed that obedience was a matter of focusing on God and being preoccupied with his commands. They believed that obedience was a matter of focusing on God and being preoccupied with his commands. They believed that obedience was a matter of focusing on God and being preoccupied with his commands. They believed that obedience was a matter of focusing on God and being preoccupied with his commands.

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Jesus taught that both the greatest commandment and the second greatest commandment were to love God and to love your neighbor. He said, **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”**

Jesus explained that the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. He said, **“This is the greatest and first commandment.**

The leaders couldn’t agree on what the greatest commandment was, but Jesus knew that God himself had summarized the law in Deuteronomy 6:4, shortly after he delivered it. The greatest commandment is also the most daunting: **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matt. 22:37).**

Jesus joined the discussion, saying, **“Matt. 22:37 Mark 12:30 adds, ‘and with all your strength.’ That is, we love God with every power, faculty and talent—even our senses of humor. We love God with heart and soul when we give him our affections and when he comes first in our convictions and commitments. We love God with the mind when we learn his truth, see the world as he sees it, and dedicate our past, present, and future to him. We love God with our strength when we devote the body with all its skill and energy, to him. We love God when we train our will to follow him, whatever the price. In all of this, we simply answer the love that God has freely bestowed on us. We love God because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19). When God pours his love into us, that leads us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our love for God presides and empowers our love for neighbors. We don’t always love ourselves properly, but we should love our neighbor as we ought to love ourselves. Love organizes, unites, and protects every virtuous, every command. We love our parents when we honor them. We love our neighbors by cultivating the truth to them and about them, and by promoting their good instead of coveting their goods. So the life of the redeemed flows from God’s prior, covenantal, and gracious love.

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And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters to separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse ‘Heaven.’ And there was evening and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. And God called the dry land ‘Earth,’ and the waters he called ‘Oceans.’ And there was evening and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And to govern the day and the night and the seasons and the years.

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And God said, “Let the earth bring forth vegetation, plants yielding fruit, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding fruit according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And to govern the day and the night and the seasons and the years. And God made two lights—greater lights to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth. His rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” And God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let there be a division of the waters below the expanse, and let dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land ‘Earth,’ and the water he called ‘Oceans.’ And there was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done.

So God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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Praying Big Prayers

Ephesians 1:15–23

We can learn from Paul’s prayers what priorities are for the people he leads, loves, serves, and discip-les. Look over Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 1:15–23, which includes his soaring hopes for the Ephesian spiritual growth, holiness, love, wisdom, and understand-ing of Christ and the gospel. More than anything else, Paul wants these believers to grow in maturity, grace, and hope in what lies ahead of them eternally through Christ. We can learn from these prayers of Paul! It is not that God does not want to hear our prayers for skinned knees, sick pets, or tests at school; God cares about all the details of our lives. But most of all God delights to answer prayers for the spiritual growth of his people and the work of the gospel in their hearts and in the world. Let us remember to pray big prayers in the midst of the daily requests we bring to God.

Verse Text

1:17 God of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul affirms both Christ’s humanity (God the Father is “the God of Christ”) and his union with God (Christ is “Lord”). Spirit of wisdom. The holy Spirit gives Christians knowledge of salvation and spiritual growth (1:12–14; 1 Cor. 2:6–12).

1:18 hope. Confident assurance that God keeps all his prom-ises for his grace in the world. God’s people are his inheritance, and he is theirs.

1:19–3:21 marvelous greatness of his power. Christ’s resurrec-tion showed that God’s power overcomes death and all the ene-mies (Rom. 16:20; 1 John 4:18; 1 Cor. 2:3–5). See note on Eph. 1:11. 2:14–23 the fullness of God’s grace. God’s grace is complete in Christ. Christ is “head over all things to the church” (v. 22). See Col. 1:18. 2:21 ascended. Through a resurrection, there is salvation. 2:22 a dwelling place for God. In him by the Spirit of wisdom and of power and of knowledge. 2:23 and gave him as head over all created things to the church. Paul’s prayer for Ephesians epitomizes what he prayed for the church. 3:18 knowledge of him. Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places. Far above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

3:20 friendship in the Spirit. God cares about all the details of our lives. But most of all God delights to answer prayers for the spiritual growth of his people and the work of the gospel in their hearts and in the world. Let us remember to pray big prayers in the midst of the daily requests we bring to God. There are many small blessings to thank God for—and we should thank him for blessings great and small! But make sure that you are most thankful for the knowledge of him. Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places. Far above all rule and authority and power and domin-ion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. 

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There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone who believes in him, who is born, not from blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'"

"Who are you?" they asked. "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord," as the prophet Isaiah said.

"Now they had been sent from the Pharisees." They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know.

He even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Behold, the Lamb of God!

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

This he said of him, about whom he was not acquainted, to show to the world. John bare witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me.'"

And John bore witness, and cried out, "The one you see is the Lamb of God."

And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God!"

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

The next day again John was standing and looking toward the sea, and he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

And the two disciples heard him, and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, "What are you seeking?"

And they said to him, "Rabbi, (which means Teacher) where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see."

So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephar" (which means Peter).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see.

"Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"

Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding at the house of Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also invited to the wedding with his disciples when the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

"And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

"His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'"

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

"And said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.'" So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water, now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom

And said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now!"

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and stayed there for a few days.

Jesus Clears the Temple

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

And those sold the pigeons. "Take these things away," he said, "and make my Father's house a house of trade!"

His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So he said to them, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

"When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Jesus Knows What Is Man

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.

But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people, and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man. You Must Be Born Again

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless..."
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146 Jesus knew what was in man, and he said to Philip, “There are six stone water jars there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.”<sup>1</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.”<sup>2</sup> Then they filled them up to the brim. **And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.”**<sup>3</sup> So they took it.

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