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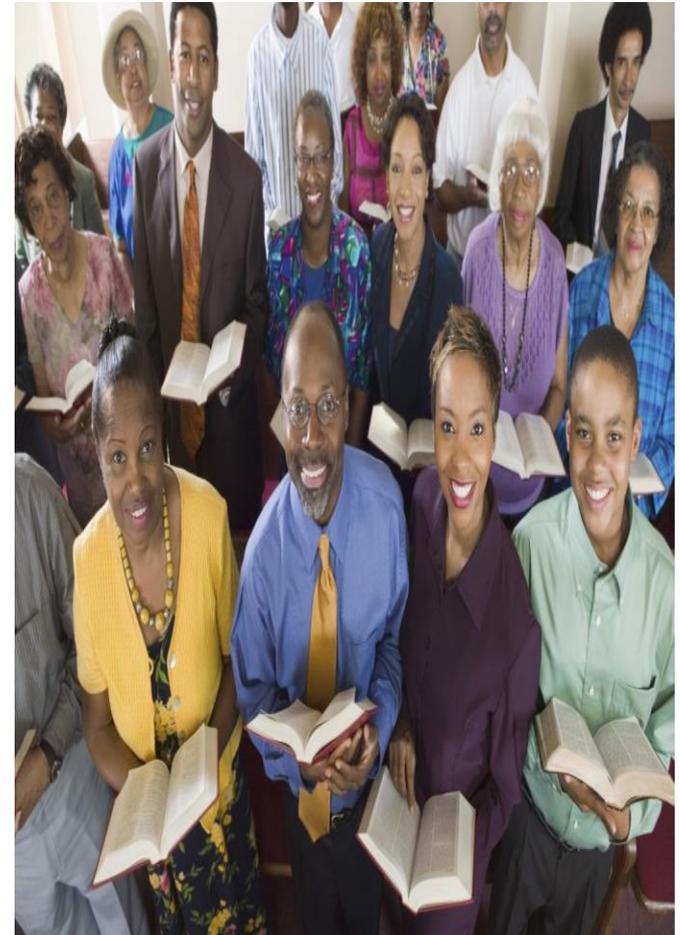
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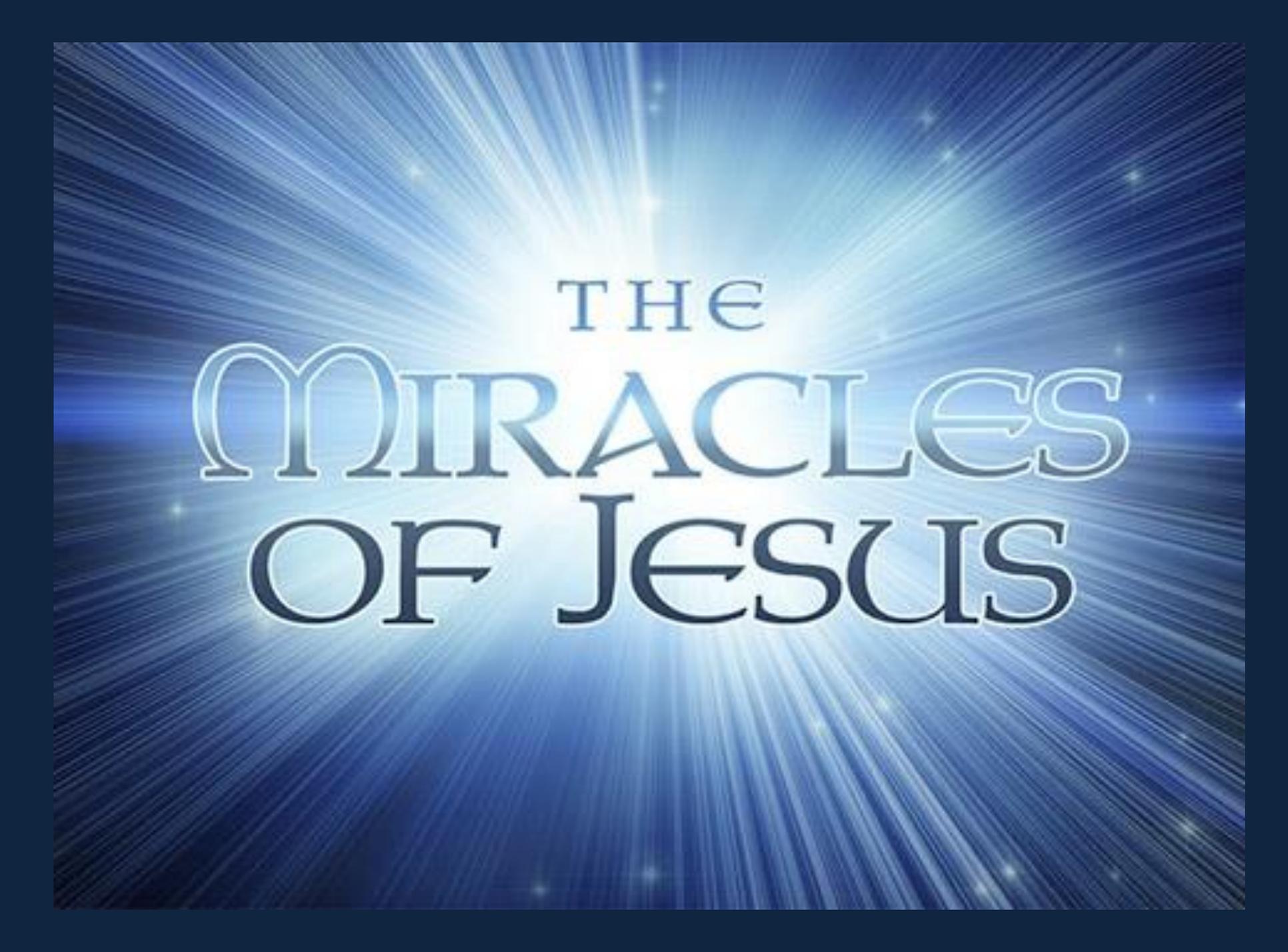
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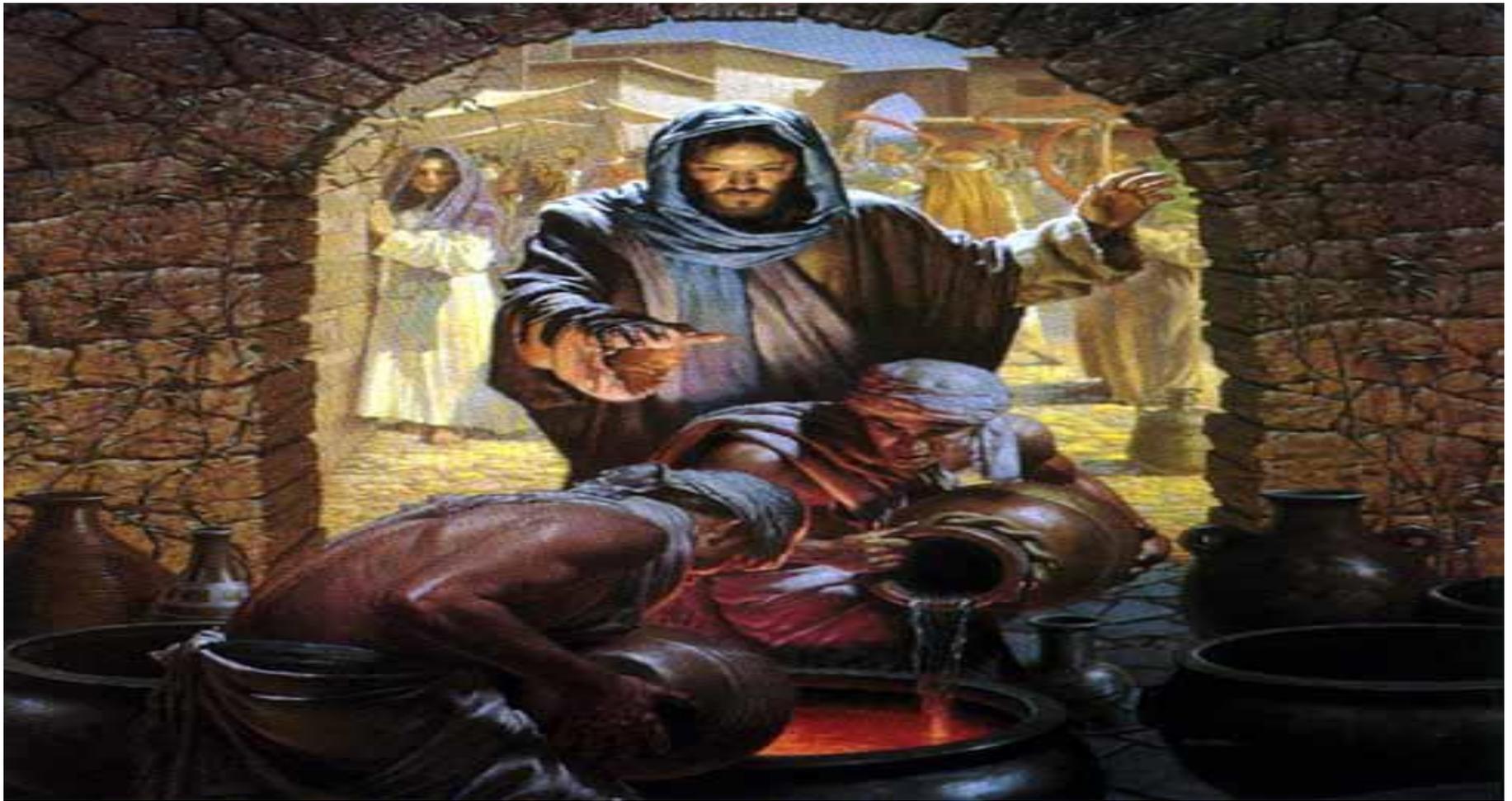
Leading ...

*By the Word
of God*





THE
MIRACLES
OF JESUS



WATER TO WINE TO GLORY
John 2:1-11

INTRODUCTION

- **WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS MATTERS**
 - Is Jesus just an ordinary man, and nothing more?
 - Is Jesus is just a nice "concept" or "idea?"
 - Is Jesus was just a man upon whom the "Christ" descended either at birth or when He was baptized by John the Baptist, who then left Jesus before He went to the cross?
- **SERMON LESSON:** Saving faith is based upon the belief in Jesus, who is more than an ordinary man.

- The miracle of turning water into wine shows us four things that makes Jesus more than an ordinary man.



- **THE SETTING OF THE MIRACLE: JESUS AND SANCTION**

- Jesus was not like your ordinary holy man, religious teacher or guru
 - The Lord's presence at this wedding shows that He gave full approval to the institution of marriage, times of festivity and celebration.
 - The Lord's presence at this wedding shows that He is not commanding an ascetic, anti-social life for the believer.
- Jesus, Himself, participated in the everyday normal events of life with people in the community.
 - Some one had the consideration and thoughtfulness to invite Jesus to a normal wedding--He was approachable.
 - Jesus had the respect and consideration to accept the invitation and attend the wedding--He identify Himself with the people.

- **THE STORY OF THE MIRACLE: JESUS AND SEPARATION**
 - There was a separation between Jesus and His mother by virtue His words to her.
 - Mary appealed to Jesus to do something when the wine ran out, i.e., she wanted Jesus to fix up a temporal, earthly, social situation that had gone serious wrong (e.g., a wedding feast requires a lot of detailed planning).
 - Jesus' response to His mother showed that there was a whole new relationship between Him and His mother (e.g., Woman, what have I to do with thee? Lit. reads Woman, what to Me and to you?)
 - Point: Jesus had a different agenda, nevertheless, He cares about people and intervenes in their circumstances to help.
 - His priorities is not to save the social reputations of men (e.g., let your team win the world series)
 - His purpose is to be lifted up on the cross so that He may pay the penalty demanded by a Holy God for man's sin.
 - Nevertheless, His priorities had room for compassion toward others (e.g., the priorities of many do not include compassion).

- **THE SECRET OF THE MIRACLE: JESUS AND CREATION**

- The miracle was a spectacular act of creation.

- It showed His eternal **abundance** (e.g., the six stone water pots held 20 gallons, enough for more than 2400 servings of wine!)
- It showed His eternal **power** (e.g., the miracle was accomplished without grapes, sun, fermentation, or time)
- It showed His eternal **excellence** (e.g., the wine was good wine not cheap)

- **Point:** The act of creation set Jesus apart from ordinary men: He is the Creator, Sustainer, Preserver (i.e., salvation is based on this kind of Jesus!!)

- **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MIRACLE: JESUS AND GLORY**

- The miracle revealed the **compassion** of Jesus--His purpose was not to save the social reputations of men, but His compassion shows that He really cares when things go wrong in life (e.g., if something can go wrong, it usually does).
- The miracle revealed the **power** of Jesus--He has the power to create, He has the power to provide more than what we need, He has the power to preserve and sustain.
- The miracle revealed the **authority** of Jesus--He has authority over the process of time and order.
- The miracle revealed the **glory** of Jesus--thus man is being faced with the claim that Jesus is God, thus the proper response to Him is faith.

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

How do you see Jesus?



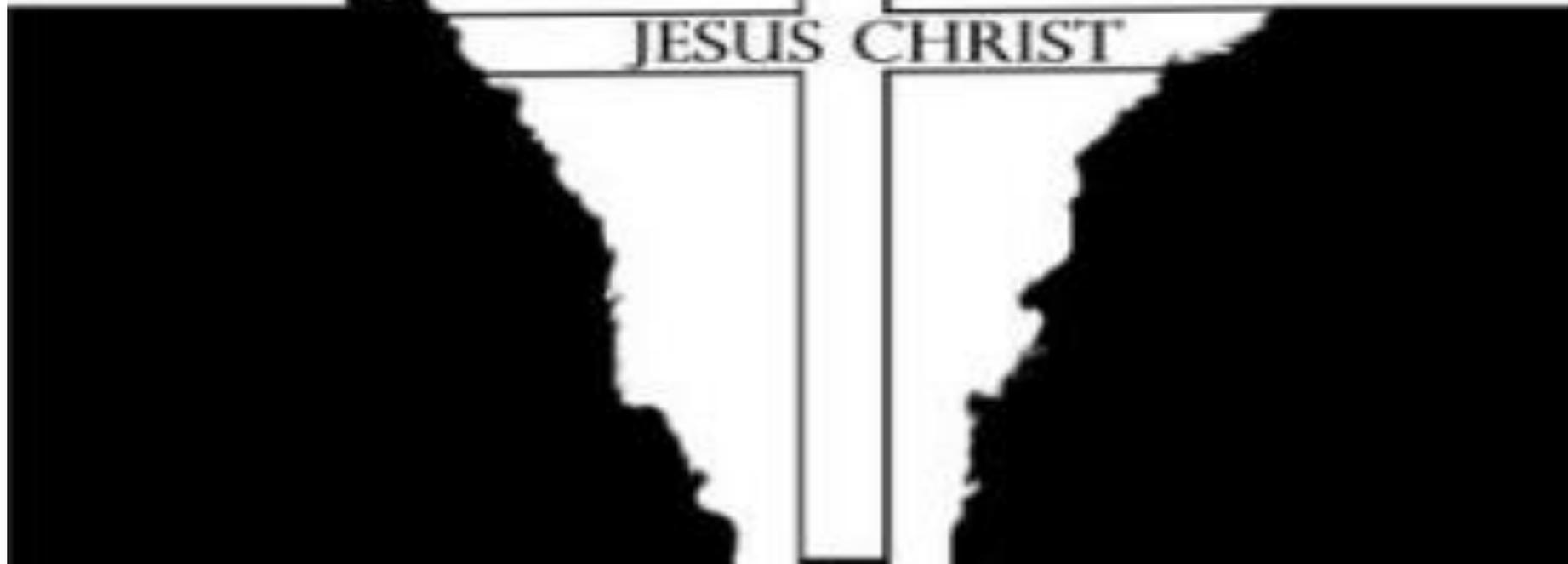
RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



GOD HAS PROVIDED THE
ONLY WAY...WE MUST MAKE
THE CHOICE



JESUS CHRIST



- 1. Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- 3. Affirm** that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.