

TRANSFORMED: A Miracle of Transformation

(John 2:1-11)

Introduction

A) Jesus was all about TRANSFORMATION. That is, he lived, taught, and died for the purpose of TRANSFORMATION or real life-change. When a person claims a relationship with Jesus and then does not demonstrate a transformed life, it is a slap in the face of the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

B) Think about it. We live in a “I want my cake and eat it too society.” That is, society wants two incompatible things. The idiom having your cake and eat it too carries the idea of wanting to eat your birthday cake to enjoy the taste, but at the same time keeping it whole in order to enjoy its appearance. You can't do both.

Modern society wants the pleasures of sin and the privilege of eternal life. Modern society wants to simply add Jesus to their lives, but not experience change. They want Jesus to supplement their lives instead of surrendering their lives to Jesus.

Everything about the gospel and everything about the life of Jesus was about TRANSFORMATION. **A simple Biblical truth is that you can not encounter Jesus without experiencing change.** Either Jesus will change your heart and you will move toward Him or you will harden your heart and you will move away from Him.

Introduce series – Today, we begin a new teaching series entitled, TRANSFORMED. The purpose is to show you that Jesus always called for transformation in those he encountered and to affirm that modern Christianity should expect nothing less. Jesus met people where they were in life, but loved them too much to leave them there. He knew TRANSFORMATION or real life-change was the only answer to their life situations.

Contextualize John 2. Jesus' first miracle was a miracle of transformation. Could there have been any more appropriate was to kick-off to his public ministry.

I. The Tragedy at The Wedding (v. 1-5)

Principle: Jesus is the only real answer to your situation.

- A) The Crisis (v. 3)
- B) The Plea (v.3)
- C) The Instruction (v. 5)

II. The Transformation at the Wedding (v. 6-9)

Principle: Only Jesus can change the nature of your heart and transform your life.

- A) Divine Transformation (v. 9)
- B) Dramatic Joy (v. 9-10)

Illustration: Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8:2-11)
Apostle Paul
Some of you

Application: Jesus is the answer to your every need.

III. The Ripple Effect

Principle: A vessel of transformation will become a conduit of transformation.

Conclusion

