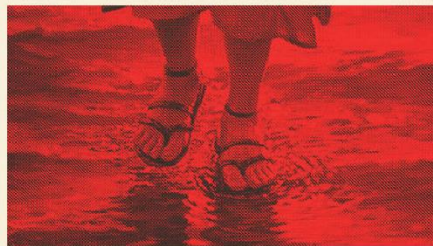
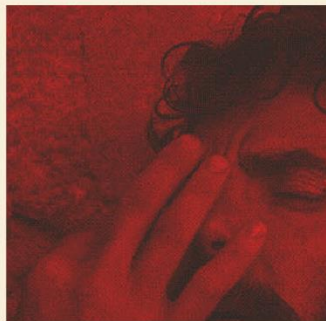
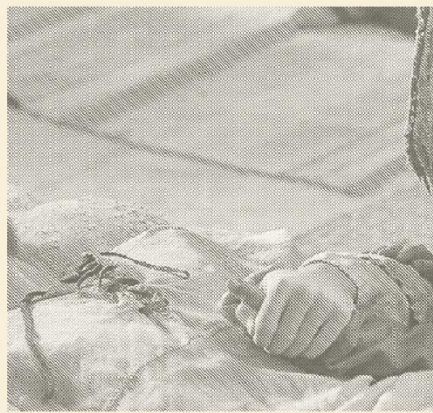


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The Wedding at Cana

John 20:30-31 ESV

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ **but these are written** so that **you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **by believing you may have life** in his name.

John 2:1-5 ESV

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

John 2:6-11 ESV

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ This, the first of his **signs**, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and **manifested his glory**. And his **disciples believed** in him.

CANA



Severe Situation

Symbolic Signs

Spiritual Significance

Severe Situation

John 2:3b

..... "They have no wine."

Symbolic Signs

Wine Symbolizes Abundant Blessings and Joy from God
(not drunkenness)

Deuteronomy 7:13 ESV

¹³ He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your **wine** and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you.

Symbolic Signs

The Abundance of Wine is a Sign of God's Blessings

Proverbs 3: 9-10 ESV

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Symbolic Signs

The Loss of Wine is a Sign of God's Judgement on Disobedience

Deuteronomy 28:39 ESV

³⁹ You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall eat them.

Symbolic Signs

Wine Symbolizes the Blood of Jesus

In Biblical times, **wine** was also a **cleansing agent**; in a practical sense, because of a lack of purification process, wine was diluted with water and consumed.

Symbolic Signs

Jars for Purification

Jars were used in Jewish rites of purification but replaced by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Spiritual Significance

John 2:4-5 ESV

⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Spiritual Significance

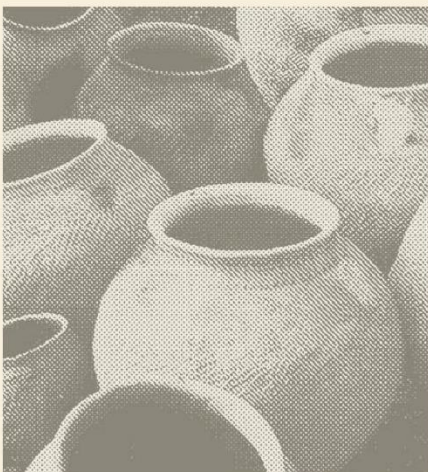
Matthew 26:26-28 ESV

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

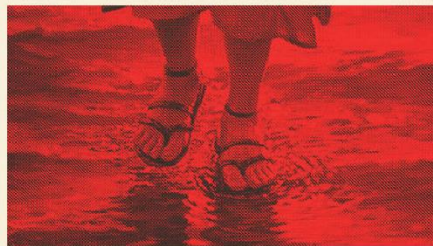
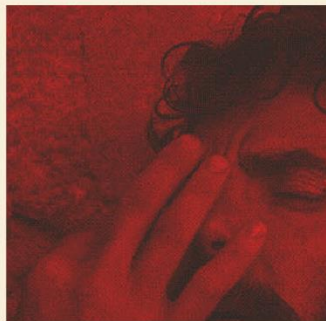
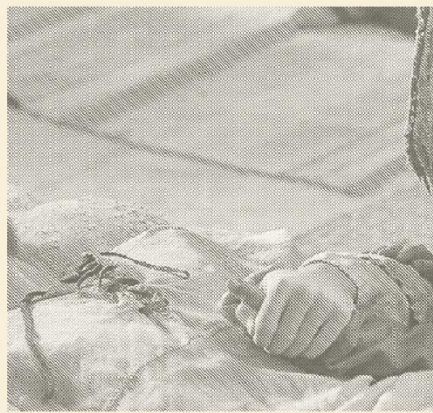
²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

John 2:11 ESV

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