



John 2-4

Come, Follow Me

The Wedding at
Cana, Jesus' sign of
turning water into
wine

John 2.1-11





This beginning of miracles Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory, and his disciples believed on him (John 2.11).

The Greek word in the KJV translated in this verse as "miracles," σημείων - *sēmeion*, can be read as "sign or token."

What was the sign?

Possibilities

Six waterpots – mortality

Stone pots – The Old Law

Water into wine – Jesus makes all things new
(Rev. 21.5)

Jesus turns the ordinary into the incredible

Other ideas?



A Coming day of rejoicing

Marvel not, for the hour cometh that I will drink of the fruit of the vine with you on the earth, and with Moroni, whom I have sent unto you to reveal the Book of Mormon, containing the fulness of my everlasting gospel, to whom I have committed the keys of the record of the stick of Ephraim, and also with Elias... and also John... and also Elijah... and also all those whom my Father hath given me out of the world"

(D&C 27.5-14)





The moneychangers at the Temple

John 2.13-17

"Make not my Father's house a house of merchandise!" (John 2.16)

The coins on the tables of the money traders would surely be Shekels of Tyre. Since the Tyrian shekel was the only coin that Jews could give for the temple tax, the industry of changing common money into official temple use money was profitable. This would be compared to travelling to a foreign country and finding an ATM to change your currency back home into the native foreign currency.

See: Leon Morris, *The Gospel According to John*, Eerdmans, 1971, p. 194. See also: [Tyrian Shekel](#)





"Destroy this temple,
and in three days I will
raise it up" - John 2.19



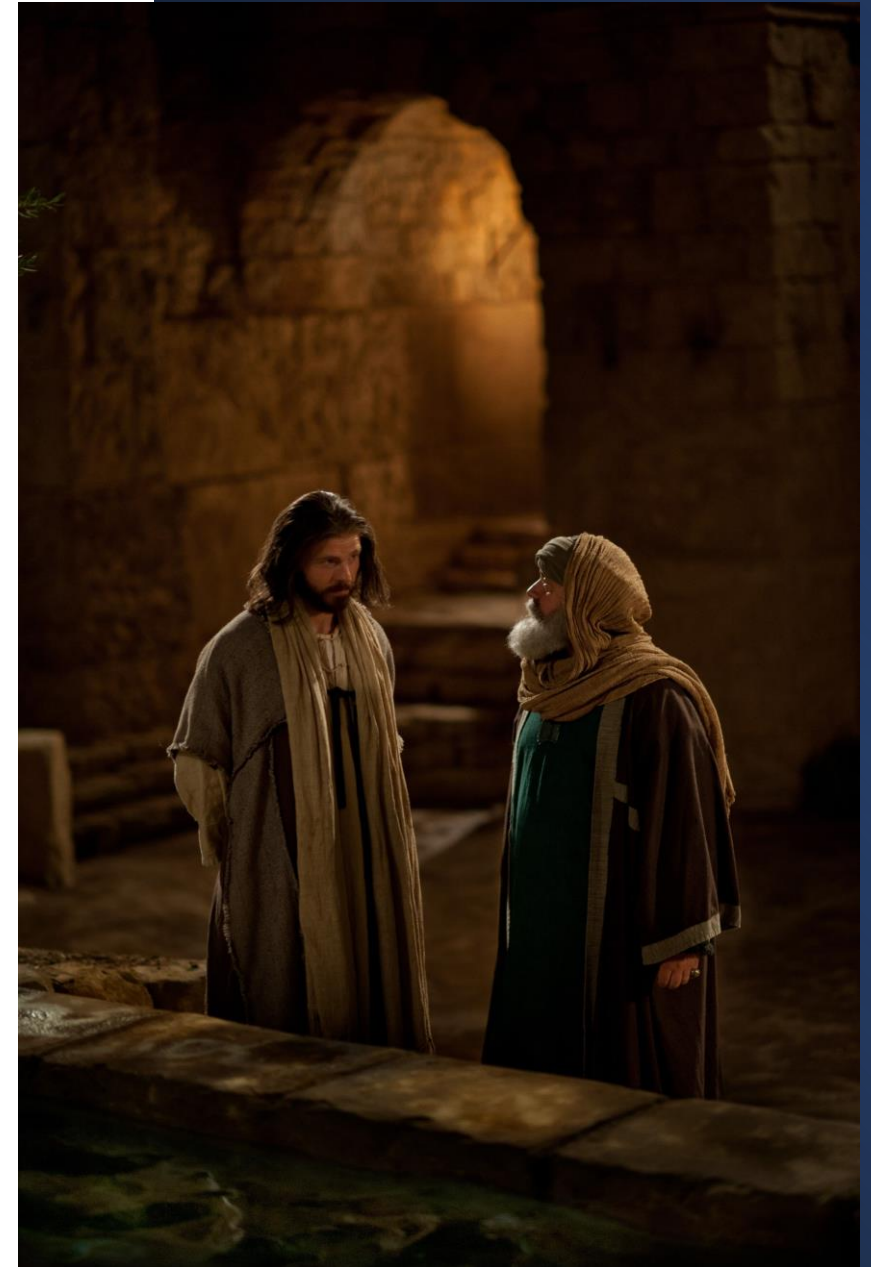
Jesus and
Nicodemus –
John 3.1-21

Being born from above

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3.3)

"It is one thing to see the kingdom of God, and another thing to enter into it. We must have a change of heart to see the kingdom of God, and subscribe the articles of adoption to enter therein."

Joseph Smith, *History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, 7 vols. 6:58.



The spirit and the wind

We see the effects of the wind

We can feel the wind

The wind itself is not perceived by the eye

Other ways the Spirit is like the wind?

John 3.8





As Moses lifted up
the serpent in the
wilderness, even so
must the Son of
Man be lifted up –
John 3.14

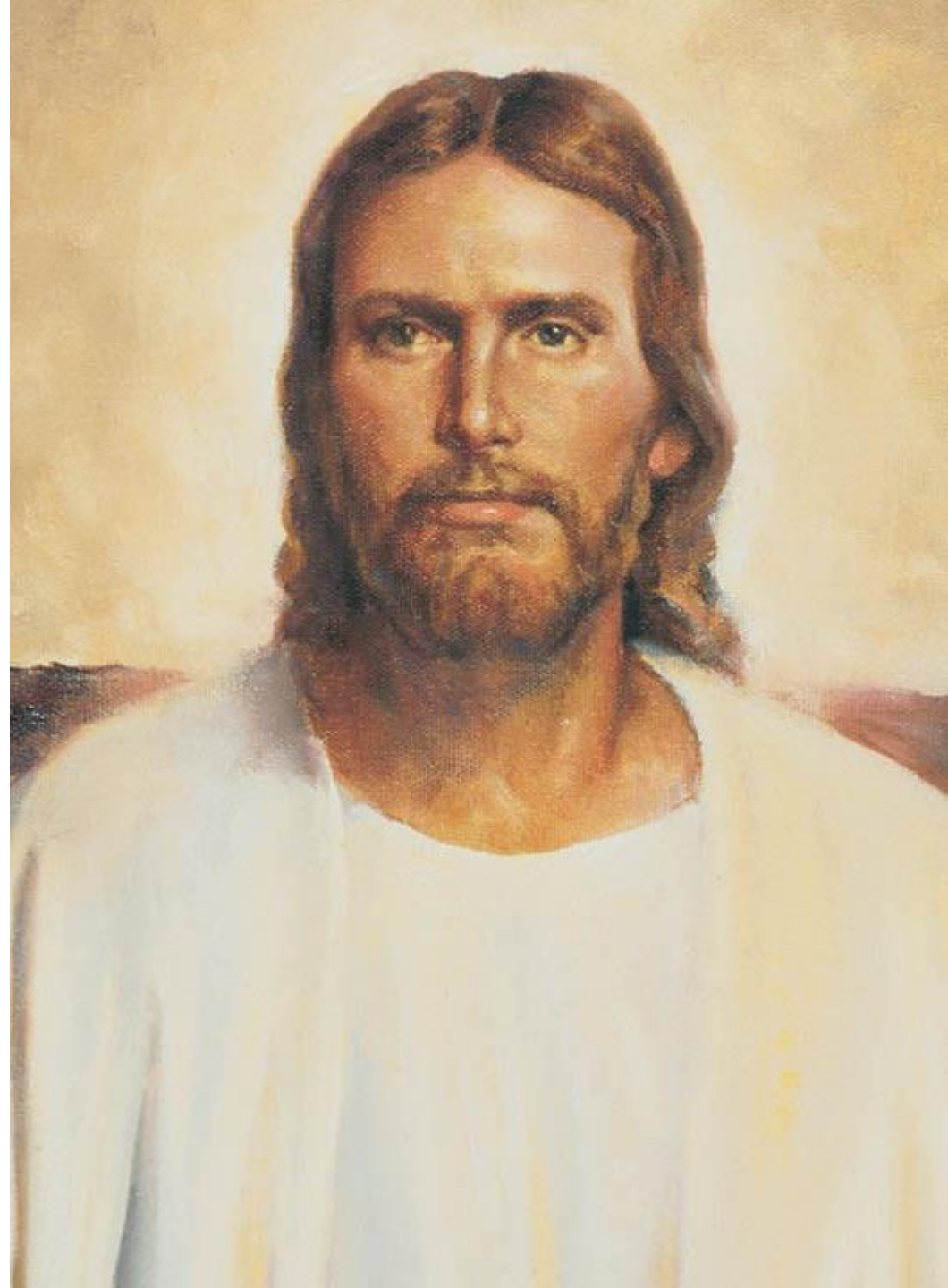
For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only
begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have
everlasting life. For God sent
not his Son into the world to
condemn the world; but that
the world through him might
be saved. (John 3.16-17)



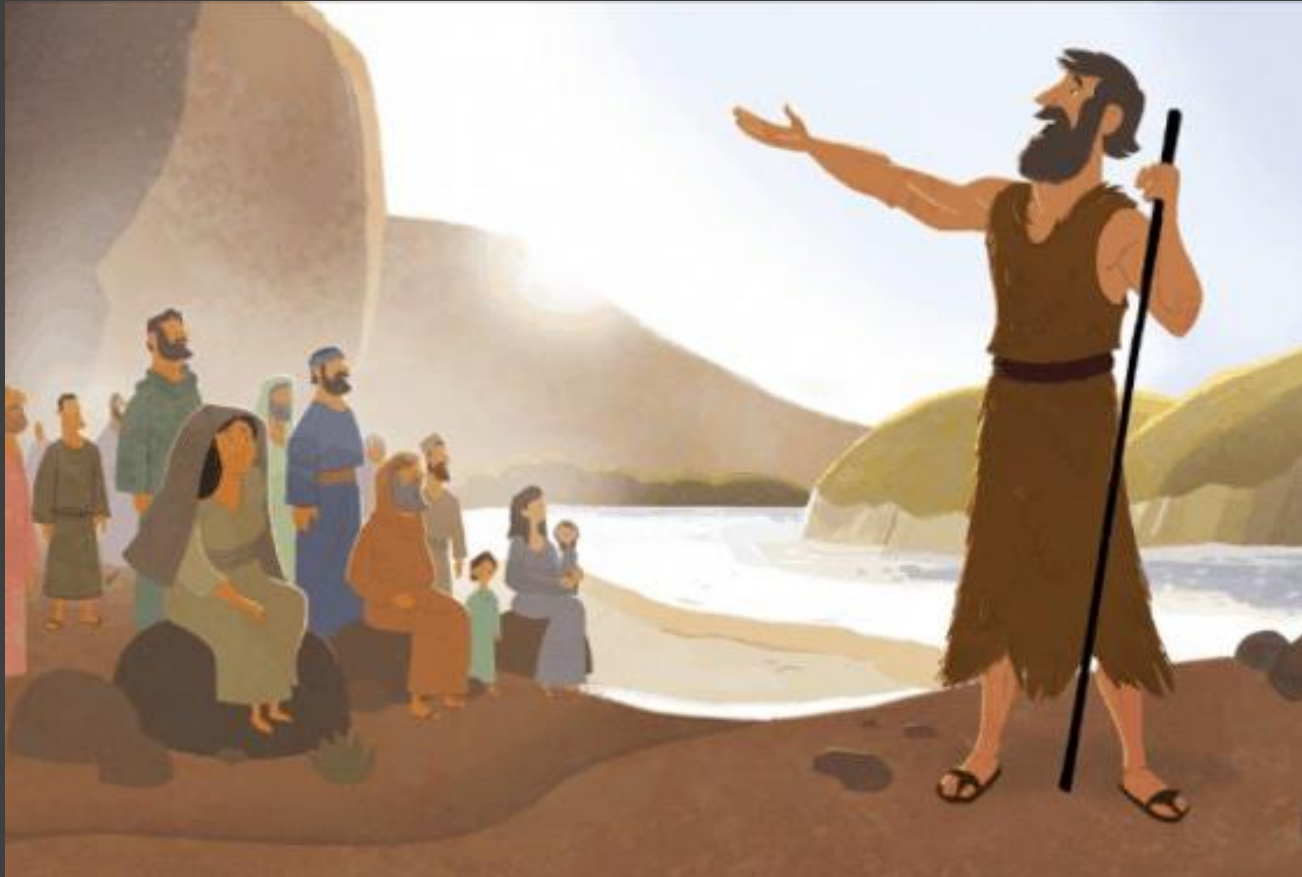
Joseph Smith taught this concerning God's love:

“While one portion of the human race is judging and condemning the other without mercy, **the Great Parent of the universe looks upon the whole of the human family with a fatherly care and paternal regard**; He views them as His offspring, and without any of those contracted feelings that influence the children of men, causes ‘His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.’”

Joseph Smith, *History of the Church*, 4:595



John testifies of Jesus – John 3.22-36



"He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3.26-30)

Jesus teaches
the Samaritan
woman –
John 4



Jesus reveals his identity

λέγει αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς Ἐγώ εἰμι ὁ λαλῶν σοι - Jesus says to her, the one speaking to you, "I AM." (John 4.26)

This verse can be read this way in the Greek, indicating that Jesus was identifying himself as the Great I AM in Exodus 3.14.



Jesus heals
the official's
son – John
4.46-54

