

John # 30 “The Wedding Guest” *John 2:1-12*

The Lord Jesus Christ has been baptized and identified by John the Baptist and from there, He was brought by the Holy Spirit to the wilderness to be tempted or tested by the devil; *Matthew 4:1.*

An immediate result of our Lord’s new empowerment from the Holy Spirit for His ministry would certainly cause Him to be excited about His work.

He has now received the green light to go forth with all the supernatural powers necessary to carry out His mission; the very reason for which He came to earth.

The Bible says pride comes before a fall and although the Lord Jesus was not prideful, He certainly had been given the opportunity and privilege to have the attention of masses of people and that had to be on His mind.

Could our Lord be tempted to retreat from trusting God, for after all, that’s the nature of all sin and could He actually worship the devil?

And you say, of course not, Jesus is the Son of God, He’d never give in to such temptations.

You’re right but we must NOT consider these temptations as impotent or easy for our Lord to handle.

It’s not sin to be tempted; it’s sin to succumb to temptation.

And the purer a person is, the more difficult his temptation is because the intensity grows with each successive refusal to give in; so just imagine the exponential pressure building throughout a lifetime of repeatedly saying no to sin!

The Savior was initially accepted by the masses who were entertained by His miracles but that quickly changed when they made it clear that they were not interested in His teaching and then His popularity was questioned by the religious leaders whose jealousy led to prejudice, hatred and an attack from their desire to destroy Him in their hostility.

When the Lord Jesus walked away from the wilderness after 40 days of temptation, with His plan for ministry even further confirmed in His heart, He returned to the Jordan, where John the Baptist identified Him again as the One of whom he had spoken of earlier.

In case the brand new disciples were wondering, this miraculous sign performed by Jesus at a wedding takes things up a thousand notches from John the Baptist’s ministry.

Our Lord’s M.O.

1.) To appear at an important event

2.) To use the symbols connected to the event to reveal something about Himself

3.) To provide much more than the event promises

4.) He’ll be misunderstood every time

Mark 14:25-“Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

The purpose of the sign was to declare the Lord Jesus Christ's glory.

The value of a sign is what it teaches about Christ.

God's plan is perfect and it's a plan of grace with no place for human talent or credit.