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JOHN 2:1-11

THE POWER OVER QUALITY

The Miracle – John 2:1-11

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The Problem (v. 3) – no wine.

The Solution (vv. 6-9a)

- Notice the absence – *cf. Deuteronomy 32:14; Isaiah 65:8; Isaiah 5:1-2*
- Notice Jesus' involvement – (vv. 5, 7, 8)
- The solution was the Word – *cf. John 1:1, 3*

The Wonder (vv. 9b-11) – quality.

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The Lord of Creation is the Lord of Quality

- He is creator of all that is good – *Hebrews 1:2-3; Genesis 1:31; Psalm 24:1-2; 50:12; 1 Timothy 4:4-5*
- In the miracle, Jesus identified Himself with the Father of light, and all that is good from Him – *James 1:17 (cf. Acts 14:17); Ecclesiastes 2:24; 3:13; 4:9; 5:18-20; 8:15; 11:7*

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The Lord's Word Produces What is Superior

- In the miracle, His word produced the best.
- Jesus points to what is good – *Matt. 19:16-17; Mark 10:17-22*
- Example of God's word with Israel – *Exodus 3:14-15, 17; John 8:58; Exodus 19:3-6*
- He shows us what is good – *Micah 6:8*
- His word is profitable – *1 John 5:3; 1 Timothy 4:8; John 1:14, 16; Colossians 3:17*

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The World Sets Out the Best at First Without Mention of the Undesirable that Follows

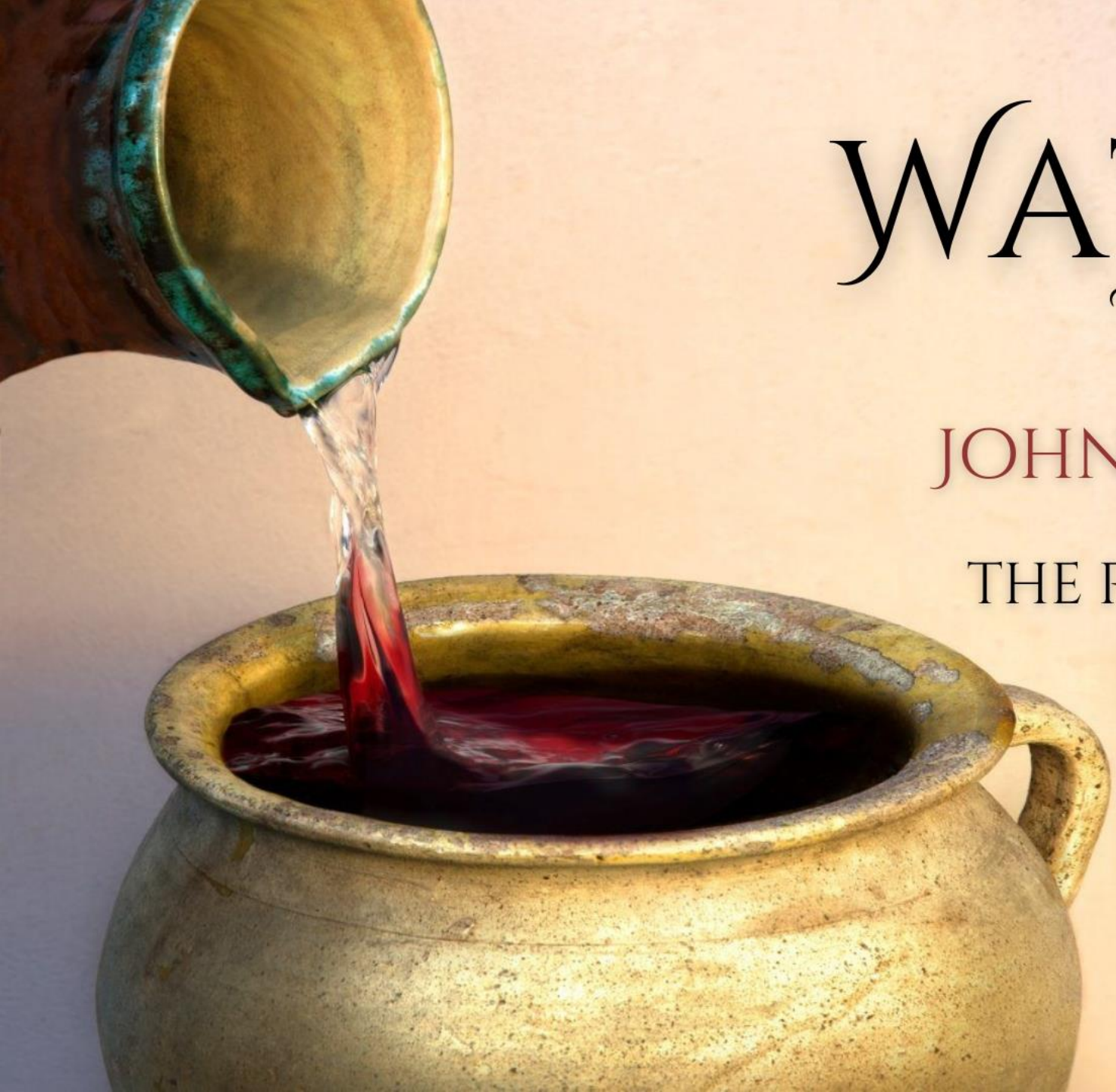
- Deceitfulness of sin – *Heb. 3:12-13; 12:16-17; Mark 8:36-37*
- Pleasure replaced with guilt – *Psalms 32:3-4*
- Temporary pleasure to a hard life – *Proverbs 13:15; 23:29-32; 5:1-5; 11:18-19; 20:17*
- It runs out – *Luke 15:13-16; Hebrews 11:25; 1 John 2:15-17*

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Jesus Calls Us to Endure the Bitter with the Joyful Anticipation of the Better

- His first miracle was a microcosm of His mission – *Phil. 2:5-11*
- Resisting the devil is difficult, but God will lift us up – *James 4:7-10; 1 Peter 4:3-6; 1 John 2:15-17; 3:1-3*
- Joy as Christians is in spite of pain because of hope – *Philippians 3:7-11; 1 Peter 1:6-9; 5:8-11; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Rom. 8:17-18*



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