"A CLOSER LOOK"

JOHN 2:1-12

"I can't believe it. I just can't believe it." You've likely voiced those words when something happened that you did not expect, that you wouldn't have guessed, that caught you by complete surprise. Thirty-seven of these "I can't believe its" occur in the gospels at the hands of Jesus.

PROBING THE FIRST MIRACLE

① <u>P</u> (2:1-2)

Cana resides on ______ terrain and thus sets itself apart from surrounding areas.

The mother of Jesus is there, but not her _____.

(2) <u>P</u> (2:3)

After thirty years of ______ such things in her heart about her son (Luke 2:51, 19), she looks to Him with this issue, one she believes He can certainly handle.

The wine "ran out." This word occurs only once in John and only once in Romans, where we discover that all ______ of the glory of God" (3:23).

(3) <u>P</u> (2:4-5)

This was no longer about maternal ______ but Messianic ______.

(4) <u>P</u> (2:6-7a)

Notice the amazing imagery:

1. stone: Jesus is the _____ (1 Pt. 2:6).

2. six: This is the number of _____ and is ultimately incomplete.

- 3. purification: Jesus _____ from all sin (1 John 1:9).
- 4. water: Jesus is the _____ water (John 4:10).

5. wine: This represents His ______ that covers all our sins (1 Corinthians 11:25).

(5) <u>P</u> (2:7b-10)

Jesus did not _____ to the water but changed the water. His miracles do not _____ to but completely change (2 Corinthians 5:17).

God will always do His part, but He requires us to do our part – _____.

<u>б</u> <u>Р</u> (2:11)

It's all about the ______ of God. Is this not what Scripture continually bids us to pursue? (1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17,23; Eph. 1: 6,12)

CONCLUSION

The disciples make a great discovery. They believe – in Him – then they follow Him to Capernaum. Faith acts on what you believe. You can believe many things, but faith involves the acting on that belief. Apart from faith, you cannot please God.