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2 Epiphany

ABUNDANCE

Signs of Jesus shatter conventional explanations & expectations!

Cana: Inaugural event of Jesus' Ministry/shows gift He offers!

What does this story say about Jesus?

Context of ministry is Joy --- Wedding Feast

God intends that we have abundant/joy-filled life

(Those who leave His church search for a perfect humanity/no such thing exists)

Mary: Her hour is past and Jesus begins ... She knows the power of His Word & will be only witness to 1st 'sign' and calvary.

She accepts His 'Word' ... "Do what he tells you."

Mary shows us that as long as there is one who believe , God's abundance is a fulfilled promise....

Signs: John's 'signs' are like parables ...

Like parables they speak and point; like parables they are taken from things of earth and strike a glancing blow at divine and heavenly things; like parables they expound the nature of that kingdom and life which Jesus brings. Gospel is a book of selected signs because the life and death of Jesus are uniquely significant. Take away this silver thread of meaning and the events of Jesus' life fall apart into disconnected fragments of meaningless episodes."

At the center of the story is Jesus. At the center of Christian life, the Church, is Jesus. Just as water changed to wine at His "Word" so life changes, ,becomes abundant, with your acceptance of His 'word.'

It is God we see in this 'sign' ...His wish for all His children ... great possibilites ... "like union between Christ and His Church."

Disciples see a sign of God's presence among them ...

Jesus is revealed as One who was sent by the Father to bring salvation to the world...

For each of us it is Jesus we are to see as the One who gives abundant life ...
He is the Gift. He is the Glory...