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(John 2:11)

Beginning Of Miracles

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. (John 2:1-11)

The firkin was a Greek measure of a liquid of 6 7/8 imperial gallons, corresponding to the Hebrew bath.

It would be between approx. 82 and 124 imperial gallons, equal to approx. 103 and 155 U.S. gallons or between approx. 373 and 564 litres, or between approx. 497 and 752 bottles of wine.

A normal marriage feast lasted seven days and would be a time of great joy, also due to most of the festivities taking place in the open air it would usually take place in the spring after the former rains of the fall and before the latter rains of the spring.

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