

Bible Workshop: Readers' comments

Regarding the incident of turning the water into wine ([Jul. 2004, p. 279](#)), I would like to comment on the six waterpots (Jno. 2:6). Paul says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels" (2 Cor. 4:7). Do not the waterpots represent us who are earthen vessels, in need of great purification? Man was created on the sixth day and the number six relates to man.

The article asked if it was significant that we are not told that our Lord Jesus turned the water into wine at a particular point. I suggest that it is and that it was done gradually, just as we are gradually cleansed by the water of the

Word, as Ephesians 5:26 explains so beautifully. An earthly vessel that is originally plain and ordinary can become a container of glory for God: ". . . that He [God] might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had afore prepared unto glory" (Rom. 9:23).

A local brother has commented that it is no coincidence that it is in the context of turning the water into wine that we are told that Jesus "knew what was in man" (Jno. 2:25). Like the earth used in the creation of man, we have been taken from darkness into light. It is awe-inspiring that "we have this treasure [the light of the gospel] in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power [of being transformed] may be of God, and not of us" (2 Cor. 4:7).

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