

Some Things to Think About

The 1st Significant Miracle That Jesus Did

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The synopticism of the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke ... and John, as only God could arrange them is amazing. The 1st significant miracle that Jesus did that finally, so to speak, got the disciples' undivided attention involved water.

In the Synoptic Gospels, in that miracle, Jesus rebuked the wind and the water, so that they would not voluntarily move about (*see* Matthew 8:24-27; Mark 4:38-41; and, Luke 8:22-25). According to Matthew and Mark, the result of Jesus rebuking the wind and the waves produced a "great calm" over the sea. Luke simply records the word "calm." In all of them, after rebuking the wind and the waves for his disciples, Jesus asks them: Where is your faith? A rhetorical question that I think was meant to make them realize what they'd just done in yelling for him to wake up. In other words, they'd yelled for Jesus, not an abstract idea of God.

In John's Gospel, the first significant miracle that Jesus did occurs in John 2:1-12 where Jesus turned water into [purified wine](#). Perhaps in contrast to the disciples' faith, Jesus' mother, Mary, and the servants at the wedding demonstrated strong faith in Jesus. Those closest to him, Jews, knew he would never put anything fermented in jars used for cleansing, purification (καθαρισμὸν (katharismos)). So whatever Jesus put in those stone jars was not a fermented drink. I can only imagine that whatever Jesus did at the wedding to produce water wine, also produced a "great calm" in the servant responsible for serving the water wine to the head of the ceremony, and a "calm" in his mother, Mary, who had encouraged the servants to trust Jesus in the first place.

He who commands all things, God, said that he would never again destroy the earth (us) by water (*see* Genesis 9:11). The water miracles are significant because they demonstrated Jesus' command over only what God could command. They tell us who Jesus is without him having to say a word, and that is: God Almighty.