



Miracles #1

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John 2:1-11

1. To begin our Miracles series...

**What inexplicable things have you experienced?

2. In John 2, Jesus performed his first miracle as recorded in the gospel. He turned water into wine. For many years, American churches have considered drinking alcohol a sin.

**What is your past with alcohol? For example, how was it viewed during your childhood and high school years? Is drinking alcohol a sin?

3. Drew said that we need to treat Jesus as the Son of God, not someone else. Consider the following list, and how you would treat Jesus if he were one of these:

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| Judge | - he is waiting to catch us and judge our sin |
| Personal butler | - God is there to meet my needs |
| Mechanic | - something is broken and we need it fixed |
| Genie | - God can do anything and he can move a mountain at any time for us |
| Vending machine | - pick what you want, just put in the effort |
| “Let’s make a deal” | - You scratch my back, I’ll scratch yours |
| Santa | - If I do more good than evil, then I’ll get blessed “he sees you when you’re sleeping...” |
| Divine watchmaker | - Deist, Is God actually here or is he silent and far off. |
| The man upstairs | - God is a rickety old man who sometimes comes down and gives you candy |
| Cheerleader | - God is always cheering for our dreams if we put a positive attitude and spirit |
| Critic | - gives reviews, good and bad. Only praises the very best |

**Do you have a default view of God like one of these? Do you lean toward one or the other?

**How should we view God? Is there an image or metaphor that we could use that more accurately use?

4. Another of Drew’s main points was, “Real lasting change only comes from allowing Jesus to change us from the inside out.”

**Have you experienced this change? If so, please share how that happened.

For more discussion: Drew shared a story of his friend who had a drastic change once he became a Jesus-follower. Another of his points was, “God’s grace gets better over time.” He mentioned how God works over time to change us.

**Have you experienced immediate change or change over time?

**Is one better than the other?

5. Drew ended his sermon with an illustration. God’s grace is abundantly poured out for us, and communion is a symbol of that grace. He poured an entire bottle into one glass (of course it spilled) as a visual demonstration.

**What do you make of this illustration? Did it change your perception of why we take communion?