The Life of Jesus Week 3 - March 20th 2021 The Wedding at Cana Chorazin Bethsaida? Gennesaret Capernaum Valley of Magdala Cana? Sea of Arbela • Galilee Tiberias Sepphoris: Nazareth Mt. Tabor GADARENE Nain 15 Miles 10 Mt. Moreh 20 Kilometers e Reader's Digest Association, Inc.

The Cana Circuit (John 2:1 – 4:54)

Jesus in Jerusalem
Conversation with a Jewish Councillor
John the Baptist
Jesus the Messiah
Conversation with a Samaritan Woman
Jesus in Galilee
Second Sign at Cana

The First Sign – the Wedding in Cana (John 2: 1-11)

Jesus goes to Cana
Jesus as his Mother's son
Jesus and his mother talk
Sign performed
Others talk
Jesus as his Father's Son
Jesus goes from Cana to Capernaum









## **Symbolism in the Cana Wedding story**

Symbol at Cana	Symbolic of
My hour not yet come	Crucifixion / glorification
Moses: water to blood	Jesus: water to wine
Purification by water washing	Purification by blood washing
"Old" wine of Judaism	"New" wine of God's kingdom
The marriage of a bride to the bridegroom	The "marriage supper of the Lamb" of Rev 19

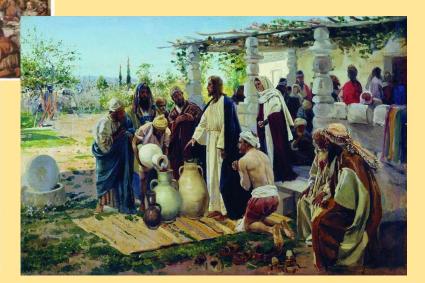
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What
Rembrandt
(and others)
did for art . . .

... John's gospel does for faith











# Wine and Strong Drink in the Bible - Old Testament (1)

#### **Events**

Noah gets drunk
Melchizedek brought out bread and wine
Lot's daughters get him drunk
Nabal gets very drunk
David gets Uriah drunk
[Ziba supplies] food and wine for those who faint in the
wilderness [to David]

### Warnings

Prov 20:1	Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler
Prov 23:20	Be not among winebibbers the drunkard will come to poverty
Eccl 10:17	[feast] for strength and not for drunkenness
Isaiah 28:1	against the drunkards of Ephraim

### Wine and Strong Drink in the Bible – Old Testament (2)

#### **Translations**

Lev 10:9 Drink no wine or strong drink . . .

3196 7941

Strongs 3196 drink, refreshment, grape juice wine. May or may not be intoxicating

Strongs 7941 (intensely) intoxicating strong drink, usually condemned, forbidden

#### Note:

Deut 14:26 spend the money for whatever you wish—oxen, sheep, wine, strong

drink, or whatever you desire. And you shall eat there in the presence

of the LORD your God, you and your household rejoicing together

Prov 31:6 Give strong drink to one who is perishing, and wine to those in bitter

distress

# Wine and Strong Drink in the Bible – New Testament (1)

Luke 1:15	for he (John) will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Luke 21:34	[don't be] weighed down with drunkenness
Rom 13:13	[don't] live revelling in drunkenness
Rom 14:21	it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble
Eph 5:18	Do not get drunk with wine
1 Tim 5:23	No longer drink only water, but take a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.
Titus 1:7	For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine

### Wine and Strong Drink in the Bible – New Testament (2)

Wine oinos
Can mean either unfermented or fermented grape juice

Strong drink sikera transliteration of an Aramaic word meaning any almost any alcoholic drink, perhaps referring to those inducing intoxication more rapidly.

The Aramaic and Greek words have very similar meanings in both OT and NT

# Wine and Strong Drink in the Bible – New Testament and beyond







Wine, beer and strong drink costs in Scotland

# Prepare to be shocked ...



### Wine, beer and strong drink costs in Scotland

NHS Scotland £ 280 million
Social care £ 230 million
Crime £ 730 million
Economy £ 865 million

**Human cost/** 

premature death £1,460 million

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# £ 3.6 BILLION

Alcohol was a factor in 3,705 deaths in Scotland in 2015 84% of Scots thought alcohol causes either a 'great deal' or 'quite a lot of harm in Scotland' (2015)

There were 38,370 alcohol-related hospital stays in 2017/18. That's more than 100 every day

46% of violent crime is alcohol-related (2017/18)