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Jesus is the Power of Transformation John 2:1-11

Introduction: Faith in the face of convincing evidence is not guaranteed. Some people can look at the proof and still hold onto their doubt. Faith is a funny thing. Some people need very little to be convinced, while for others, no matter how much evidence is piled up, they still refuse to believe. Then there are people who **say** they really believe but it's only words. What evidence is there that Jesus is the Messiah and Savior of the world? The apostle John anticipated that probing question.

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The purpose of John's gospel—John 20:30-31
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"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

John gives seven signs that point to Jesus as the Messiah

Jesus' first miracle teaches us that...Only Jesus has the power to transform—John 2:1-11

- 1. The setting: A wedding feast (vs. 1, 2)
- 2. The need (vs. 3)
- 3. The miracle (vs. 6-8)
- 4. The responses (vs. 9-11)

Conclusion: Jesus is your master of transformation

- 1. Jesus will change your relationship to God
- 2. Jesus will change your understanding of yourself.
- 3. Jesus will change your relationship with other people when He is the center of your celebration.
- 4. Jesus will change your life purpose.
- 5. Jesus will change your perspective on suffering and disappointing circumstances.
- 6. Jesus will change your final "wedding plans".