



GLORY_{of} CHRIST
FELLOWSHIP

A PROPHETIC FEAST

John 2:1-12

March 12, 2017

To “The Doxology”

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- **Did Mary want a miracle or just help?**

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- **I agree with B. F. Westcott, F. F. Bruce, and Don Carson who hold that Jesus transformed the well-water into wine.**

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- **The master of the feast was amazed at “the water become wine” and thus summoned the groom.**

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 - **He tied together a significant biblical thread (see Gen 1; Exod 24:1-11; Isa 25:6; Jer 31:2; Hos 14:7; Joel 3:18; Amos 9:13-15; Matt 9:14-17; John 3:27-30; Matt 22:1-15; 25:1-13; Luke 22:14-20; Rev 19:9; 22:17).**

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