

# The Gospel According to John

## What Do You Believe About God's Providence?

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### John 2v1-12

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' **4** And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' **5** His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' **6** Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. **9** When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' **11** Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**12** After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there for a few days.

What do you believe about God's providence?

v4

"my hour"

What did Jesus believe about God's providence?

If we acknowledge God's providence can be overemphasized, could we also acknowledge it can be underemphasized?

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To what extent, if any, is Jesus the providential shepherd promised in Scripture?

"Do whatever he tells you."?

Why does John tell this story? What did it mean for his 1st century audience?

Psalm 23v1-3  
The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

John 20v30  
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

All the more, why this story?

Genesis 41v55  
When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, 'Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do.'

3?

1. Jesus embraces God's providence.
2. Jesus can be trusted to lead us through God's providential plans.

John 7v33  
Jesus then said, 'I will be with you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who sent me.'

Does Jesus assume God's providence means he won't suffer?

(By way of death.)

Psalm 23v4-6  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

**Songs:** Deeper Well, Beautiful, Wait for You, New Wine, Constant

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