

Heavenward Bound

**Water to Wine:
A Transformation**

[Act 2:22 NASB95] 22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with **miracles** and **wonders** and **signs** which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know

[2Co 12:12 NASB95] 12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by **signs** and **wonders** and **miracles.**

Mark 2:8 Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts? 9 "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk'? 10 "But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home." 12 And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

Water to wine:
Jesus' 1st sign



Road map of the lesson

Setting the scene
and understanding
the story

Acknowledging our
need for
transformation

Finding
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in Jesus



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Jesus' timeframe and life is shaped by the Father not His mother.

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Water is
miraculously
turned to wine

6, 20-30 gal. pots
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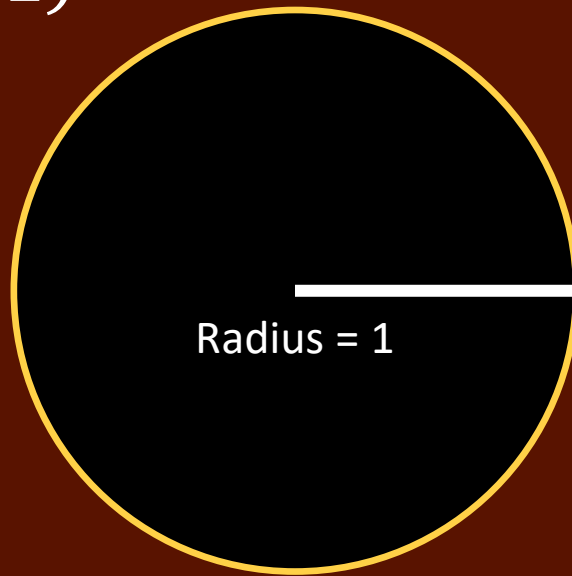
So you saw Jesus do
something miraculous,
but what does it mean?



Find the area of the circle below:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area of a circle} &= \pi r^2 \\ &= \pi(1)\end{aligned}$$

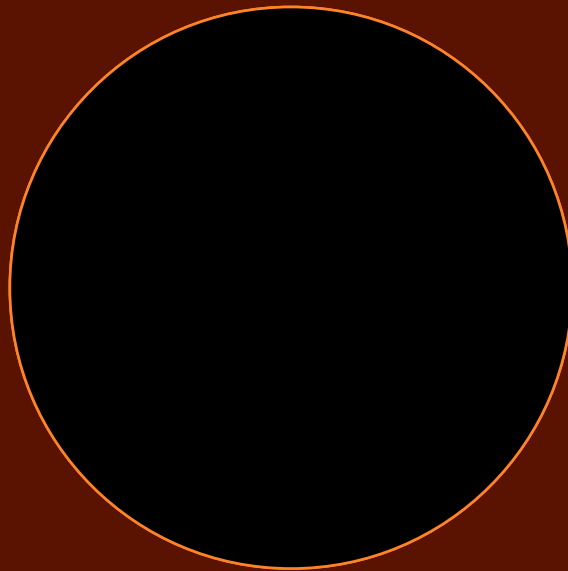
But how do you know
what pi is?



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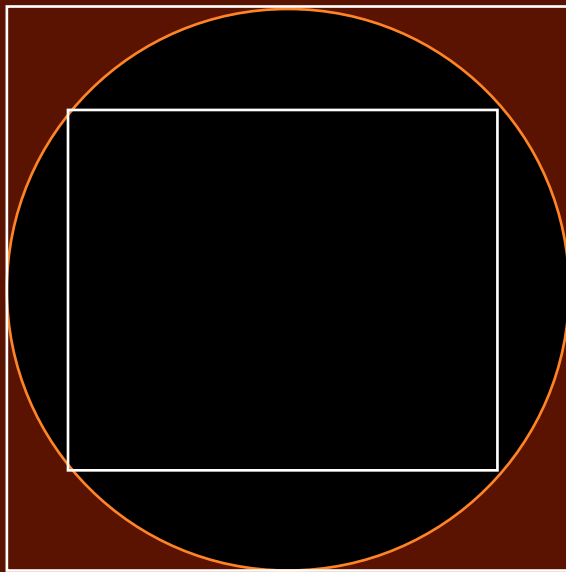
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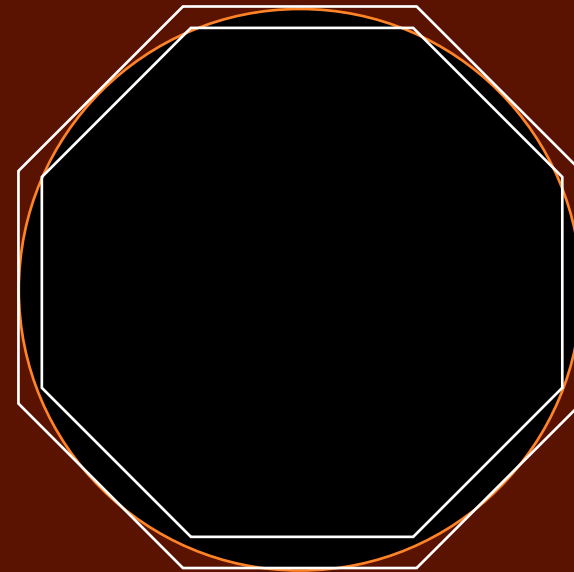
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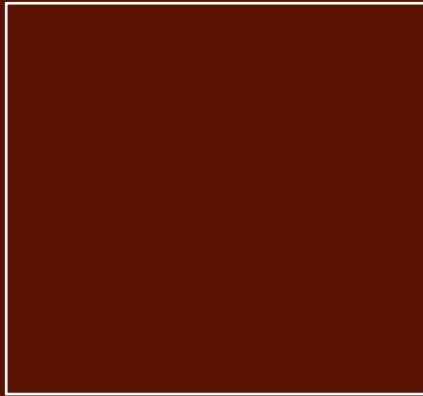


A of the inscribed octagon = 2.83
A of the circumscribed oc. = 3.31

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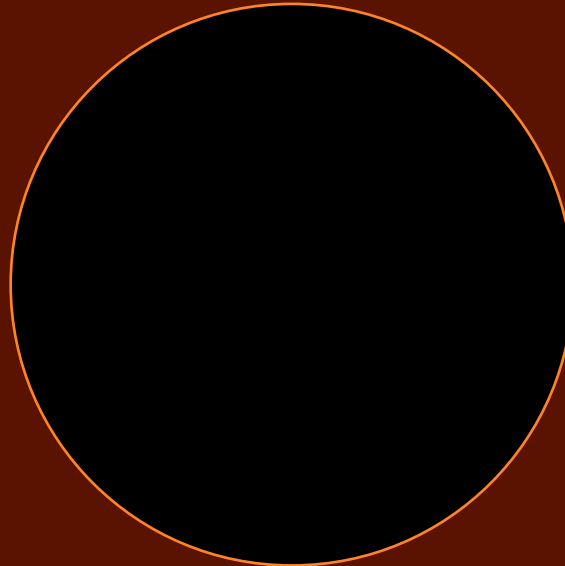
Using the method of exhaustion in the Gospel of John



Jesus in John 1:

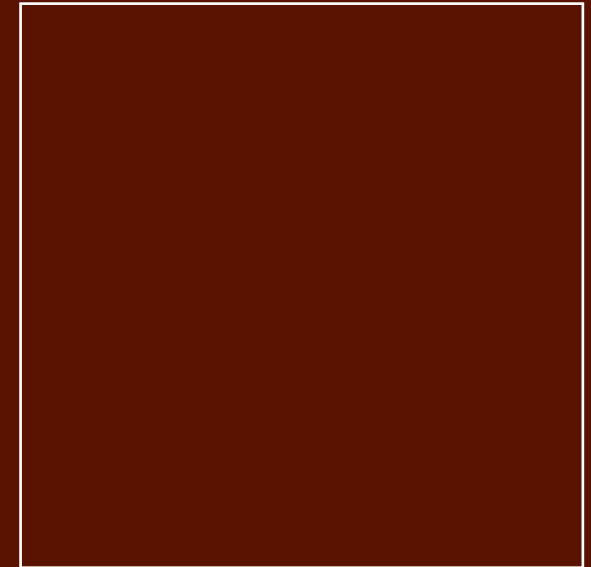
God, Himself
Light to people in
darkness

The Lamb of God who
takes away the sins of the
world



In John 2 Jesus will:
Tell His mother: “Woman
what does this have to do
with Me?”

Turn water to wine.



Jesus in John 3:

The One lifted up to draw
all peoples to Himself.
The beloved Son of God
sent into the world so that
none would perish.



Lessons from Water to Wine

Consider the Exodus, Moses, and Torah connections.

Jesus transforms the water to wine. It's a miracle of transformation.



Acknowledging our need for transformation

God is a God of transformation.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:41

He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated means Christ).

John 1:42

He brought him to Jesus. When Jesus looked at him, He said, “You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).



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We all need transformation

Some realize the desire but think they've filled it.

John 3:7 “Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’”

Some don't even know that they have a need.

John 4:18 for you had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”

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John 5:7 “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”

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John 6:26 “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

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Any "transformation" outside of Jesus, won't last.

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Confronting Jesus of Nazareth exposes our need to change.

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Jesus is uniquely equipped to transform us.

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Seeking Jesus for anything other than being like Him and found in Him, is shortchanging His gift.

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The water was transformed when the servants listened to the words of Jesus.

Transformation is arduous and time consuming.

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The headwaiter knew that this was the best of all the wine He had.

The wine led to a belief in His disciples.

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God isn't calling for a better you, it's a new you

Ephesians 4:17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; 19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. 20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22 **that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 **and put on the new self**, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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The glory of Jesus started at a small wedding in poor Cana of Galilee and finished at the cross. Gods glory can be demonstrated in any place and oftentimes in the hardest places.



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Being transformed
into Jesus

