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# **“Lesser-Known Places”**

Windsor, 10th August, 2025

*Welcome to Church*

“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” John 4:14



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**Lesser-Known Places**

YOU  
ARE  
HERE

## **Be Still**

Be still for the presence of the  
Lord

The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the  
Lord  
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight

Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

## **Facing a Task Unfinished**

Facing a task unfinished That  
drives us to our knees  
A need that, undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying For  
life, and love, and light

Unnumbered souls are dying And  
pass into the night

## **CHORUS**

We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord

We bear the torch that flaming Fell  
from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission The  
same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition To  
Thee we yield our powers

## **CHORUS**

We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord

O Father who sustained them O  
Spirit who inspired  
Saviour, whose love constrained  
them To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us From  
lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labour for Thy sake

## **CHORUS x 2**

We go to all the world

With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord

## **Mighty to Save**

Mighty to Save lyrics © Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The Hope of nations

### **CHORUS**

Saviour  
He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever  
Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender (Ooh)

### **CHORUS**

Shine your light and let the whole  
world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
(Jesus)  
Shine your light and let the whole  
world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

## **CHORUS**

Saviour

He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever

Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

## **FINAL CHORUS**

Saviour

You can move the mountains

You are mighty to save

You are mighty to save

Forever

Author of salvation

You rose and conquered the  
grave



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## Lesser-Known Places

“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” John 4:14

YOU  
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HERE

10th  
August

### ***Cana***

*Last week was about wells*

Cana could be any small insignificant town; God takes people from anywhere if they trust in Him.

17th August

### ***Goshen***

While the Egyptian nation suffered plagues, Goshen was spared, a figure of God's People in the Latter Days.

24th August

### ***Shiloh***

After arriving in the Promised Land, the Ark rested at Shiloh; but later Shiloh became the centre of a diverse worship of God.

31st  
August

### ***The Lord's Vineyard***

A garden is fruitful or fails according as it is maintained. Does your life depend on God for support.



## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

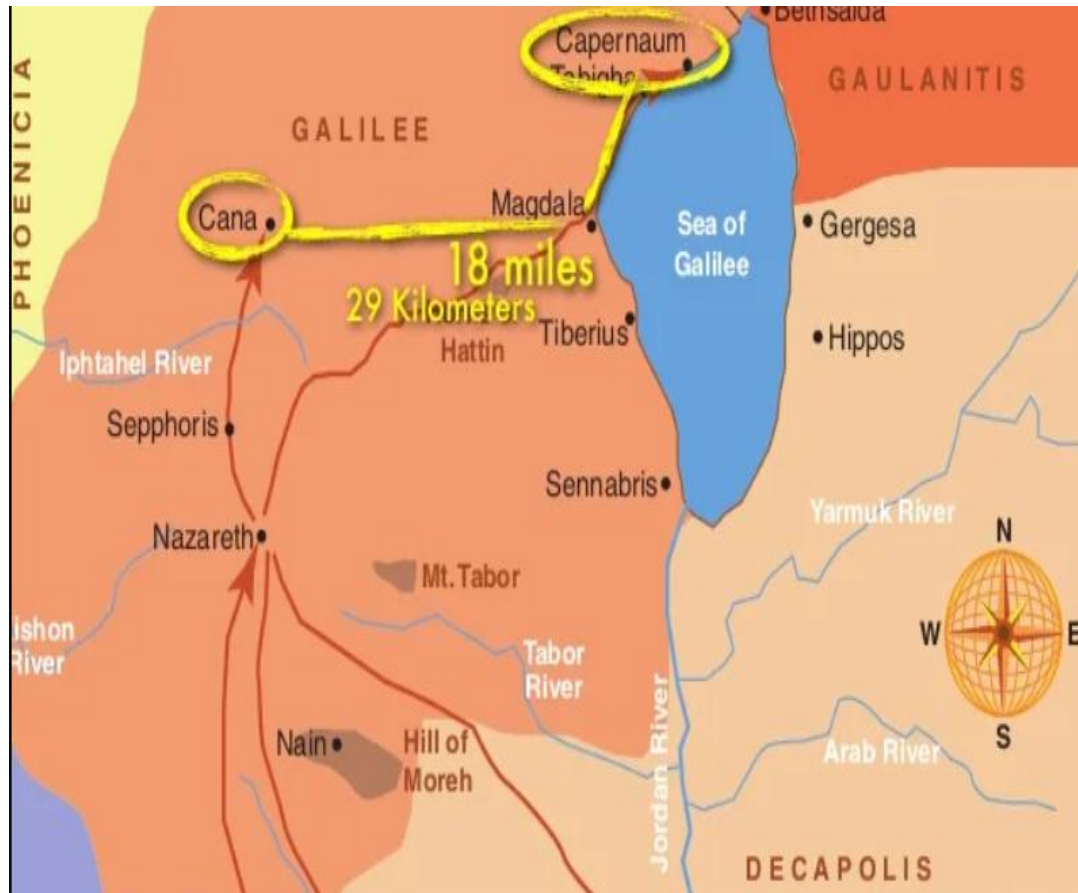
And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

**Luke 11: 2-4**

# Where is Cana located

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/cana-of-galilee/> <https://www.blueletterbible.org/assets/images/study/pnt/maps/palestine/cana.jpg>

Cana is mentioned 3 times in the Bible



- It was the scene of Jesus' earliest miracle where he turned water into wine at a marriage feast John 2:1.

- It was the home of Nathaniel John 21:12.

- Jesus later returned to Cana and healed a nobleman's son remotely in Capernaum John 4:46,51.

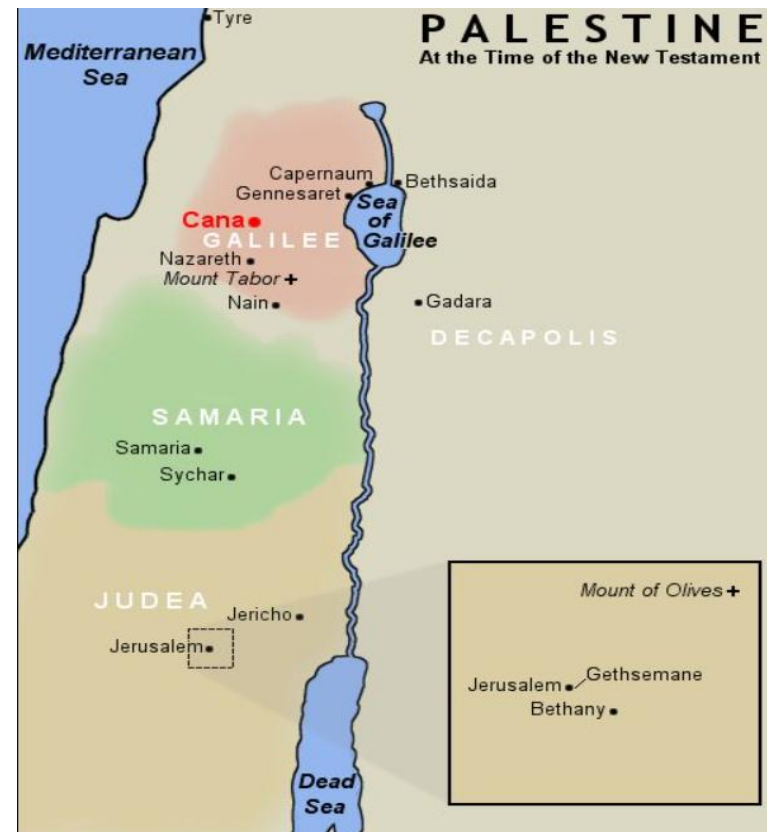
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Cana is located

- in Galilee, and
- in the uplands West of the lake.
- Its name in old Hebrew *qanah* means "place of reeds."

There are 2 or 3 other places Cana could be located but it appears it has fallen into a degree of obscurity.

*This ancient name survives in Khirbet Qana, a ruined site with rockhewn tombs, cisterns and a pool, on the northern edge of Sahl el-Battauf, the plain of Asochis. Near by are marshy stretches where reeds still abound: the name therefore is entirely appropriate. The name Qana el-Jelil , the exact Arabic equivalent of Kana tes Galilaias, is also heard among the natives.*



## The Wedding Feast - Cultural Context

- **Weddings as covenantal symbols:**

Jewish weddings weren't just social events—they echoed **God's covenant with Israel**. Jesus performing His first miracle at a wedding hints at the **new covenant** He's initiating.

- **Purification jars:**

The six stone jars used were for ritual cleansing. By transforming water in these jars into wine, Jesus redefines **purity**—not through ritual, but through **grace and transformation**.

- **Hospitality norms:**

Running out of wine was a serious breach of hospitality. Jesus' intervention restores honor and joy, reflecting His role as the **bridegroom of the Church** who provides abundantly.

## Use of Stone Water Pots

<https://drivethruhistoryadventures.com/stone-jars-ritual-washing-water-wine-miracle-cana/>

The Gospel of John records that there were six stone water jars containing two or three measures each

- These stone jars are often referred to (in Aramaic) as a *krater* or a *kalal*,
- These large jars were usually about 65 to 80 cm high and 40 to 50 cm in diameter, containing 2 to 3 *metretas*, or about 34 liters



These stone vessels were made from a soft limestone, which is found throughout the region and easy to carve.

- The craftsmanship varied from functional to ornate,
- There was an industry for producing stone vessels during this period centered at Jerusalem.

## Stone Water Pots as Symbols

Stone vessels were common in Judea for ritual cleansing purposes

- according to the Law of Moses stone would not become impure, unlike the pottery of ancient times (Leviticus 6:28, 11:33-36).

**Leviticus 6:28** But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a brasen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.

Running water or “living water” was considered ritually pure, and water collected in a stone cistern could be used later for purification purposes (Leviticus 11:36, 15:13).

**Leviticus 11:36** Nevertheless a fountain or pit, wherein there is plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcase shall be unclean.

The primary purpose of these washing rituals was to become spiritually clean or holy, rather than physically clean.

It is likely that a priestly family owned the home where the wedding was held. <https://www.worthychristianforums.com/topic/303889-six-pots-at-the-wedding-at-cana/>

## The Symbol of Wine as “Living Water”

Later in the Gospel of John, “living water” is mentioned multiple times.

- Jesus says eternal life that He gives is living water, and those that drink of it will never again thirst (John 4:10-15; cf. John 7:38).

**John 4:10&14** <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water..... <sup>14</sup> But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Drinking wine from jars used for ritual purification would have sent a powerful message of spiritual purification to those in attendance at the wedding.

The miracle of turning water into wine authenticated Jesus as sent from God, and there may also be a connection between drinking the wine that Jesus gave them at the wedding and the wine that symbolizes the Spirit that reconciles us to God.

## Stone Water Pots Represent our Lives/Bodies

Man's mortal body is as a pitcher, and if they die they are as a cracked pitcher (Ecclesiastes 12:6). But **the pitchers must be whole**, like those Jesus spoke of, *"Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim"* John 2:7. And **that water which was made wine, is as the Spirit that fills them up** DC2 6/10/1848

**Ecclesiastes 12:1,5-7** <sup>1</sup>Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them..... because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: <sup>6</sup>Or ever **the silver cord be loosed**, or the golden bowl be broken, or **the pitcher be broken at the fountain**, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

<sup>7</sup> Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.



## The Transformation of our Bodies/Water Pots

If the 6 water pots can represent the lives of mankind over the 6,000 years of the world's biblical history what message is contained in this story of the wedding at Cana?

**Isaiah 28:16-18** <sup>16</sup> Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

<sup>17</sup> Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

<sup>18</sup> And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

## Transformation Completed

There are 2 transformations **salvation** and **redemption**

**1 Corinthians 15:51-55** <sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

<sup>53</sup> For this **corruptible must put on incorruption**, and this **mortal must put on immortality**.

<sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

<sup>55</sup> O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

## **John 2:1-11 The Wedding in Cana**

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

<sup>2</sup> And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

<sup>3</sup> And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

<sup>5</sup> His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

<sup>6</sup> And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

<sup>9</sup> When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

<sup>10</sup> And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

<sup>11</sup> This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

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THE light of life is flowing  
 The darkness to dispel,  
 And is in truth revealing  
 The myst'ries of the fall ;  
 All Isr'el it is bringing  
 From ev'ry distant shore,  
 No more will they be mourning,  
 Their blindness to deplore.

The laws from Zion coming  
 All Isr'el will obey,  
 The gospel light all shining  
 Will lead to perfect day :  
 On th' earth they will be reigning,  
 The Bridegroom and the Bride,  
 And in their light, all shining,  
 The nations shall reside.

That tree of life, once guarded  
 By swords of flaming fire,  
 Is now to Isr'el offer'd,—  
 Its fruit they do desire.  
 The nations will be healed  
 Throughout this earthly ball,  
 The man of sin revealed,  
 And truth receiv'd by all.

## **Matthew 26:26-30**

### **Words about the bread and wine**

<sup>26</sup> And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

<sup>27</sup> And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; <sup>28</sup> For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

<sup>29</sup> But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

<sup>23</sup> For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

<sup>24</sup> And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

<sup>25</sup> After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

<sup>26</sup> For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

<sup>27</sup> Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. <sup>29</sup> For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

## **Hebrews 6:1-3 - The promise of immortality**

**6** Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

<sup>3</sup> And this will we do, if God permit.

## **John 17:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: <sup>2</sup> As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

<sup>3</sup> And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.



## **Revelation 21:1-4**

### **The promise of being the Bride**

<sup>1</sup>And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

<sup>2</sup>And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

<sup>4</sup>And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

## **Message;**

“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

**John 4:14**

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THE Spirit of Truth from Christ Jesus is come,  
Whom the world can't receive the Bride of God's  
Son;

To Isr'el she turns, their Preceptor to be  
She shows them the records of their liberty.

The Day of the Lord cannot come as a thief  
On those who do make it their study and chief;  
And how to be ready the Bridegroom to meet,  
That when He shall come He their joys may  
complete.

O be it their lot, who of these things now sing  
To drink without measure from that blissful  
spring,  
Which flows from the throne of Jehovah so  
free,  
And also to eat of that life-giving tree.

His children no longer will see but in part,  
But fully all things understand with the heart;  
Hence glasses for ever they'll now lay aside,  
See eye unto eye their Creator and Guide.