

HERLIGHED ved bryllup, i verden og i frelsen med to detaljer

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Evangelium: Johannes 2,1-11

Den tredje dag var der bryllup i Kana i Galilæa, og dér var Jesu mor med; også Jesus og hans disciple var indbudt til brylluppet. Men vinen slap op, og Jesu mor sagde til ham: "De har ikke mere vin." Jesus sagde til hende: "Hvad vil du mig, kvinde? Min time er endnu ikke kommet." Hans mor sagde til tjenerne: "Gør, hvad som helst han siger til jer."

Der var dér seks vandkar af sten; de stod der efter jødernes regler for renselse og rummede hver to til tre spande. Jesus sagde til dem: "Fyld karrene med vand." Og de fyldte dem helt op. Og han sagde til dem: "Øs nu op og bær det hen til skafferen." Det gjorde de så. Men da skafferen havde smagt på vandet, der var blevet til vin - han vidste ikke, hvor den kom fra, men det vidste de tjenere, som havde øst vandet op - kaldte han på brudgommen og sagde til ham: "Man sætter ellers den gode vin frem først, og når folk har drukket godt, så den ringere. Du har gemt den gode vin til nu."

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1. HERLIGHED ved et bryllup

Jesus viste første gang sin herlighed ved et bryllup!

Der, hvor mennesker bringes sammen af Gud og bliver ét, der er lykke, stor lykke. Dér skaber Gud liv. Han velsigner. Og måske han endda velsigner med børn. Det er livets under.

Her åbenbarer Jesus sig som den, der skaber glæde, sørge for et brudepar, for fest. Han giver livet til en Adam og en Eva og værner om dem helt fra begyndelsen. Og endda på en måde, som synes helt overflødig, unødvendig.

Er det ikke sådan Gud har været imod dig tusinde gange. Også i dag! Overflod af godhed og nåde. Tilgivet dig alle dine synder. Han skabte dig af din fars og mors fællesskab og satte dig ind i et fællesskab med din mor, som gav dig mad, og far og mor, som sørgede for dig. Op gennem barndommen. Og hvis de ikke var der, så var der måske andre, som Gud sendte til dig. Og han kalder dig som voksen ind i dette liv i

GLORY at weddings, in the world and in salvation with two details

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John 2:1-11 NAU: On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; 2 and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." 6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him. 9 When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom, 10 and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

This Jesus did in Cana of Galilee as the beginning of his signs and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. GLORY ~ TRUST. That is what God gives us when He shows us His glory in his Son Jesus Christ. He connects us to Jesus Christ by the Word which creates faith in our hearts out.

1. GLORY at a wedding

Jesus showed his glory for the first time at a wedding!

Where people are brought together and become one, there is happiness, great happiness. There God creates new life in a fellowship. And he may even give the gift of Children. He creates new life, the wonder of life.

Here at a wedding Jesus Christ, the Son of God shows himself as the one who is able to create joy, provide for a bridal couple, feast, give life to an Adam and an Eve and cherish them from the very beginning – and in a way that seems completely superfluous, unnecessary.

Isn't that how God has been against you a thousand times. Also today! Abundance of goodness and grace. He has forgiven you all your sins. He created you by your father and mother into fellowship with a mother who gave you food, and a father and a mother who took care of you. Up through childhood. And if they weren't there, then maybe there were others that God sent to you. And he calls you as an adult into this life of love. He says: **Love**

kærligheden. Han siger: **Kærligheden skal være oprigtig. Afsky det onde, hold jer til det gode. Vær hinanden hengivne i broderkærlighed, kappes om at vise hinanden agtelse. Vær ikke tøvende i jeres iver, vær brændende i ånden, tjen Herren. ... Vær med til at hjælpe!**

Johannes-evangeliet begynder med denne herlighed.

2. HERLIGHED i verden

MATTHÆUS OG MARKUS fortæller også om en herlighed i begyndelsen af deres evangelier, men ikke om Kristi herlighed i ægteskabet, men om verdens herlighed.

⁸ Igen tog Djævelen ham med sig, denne gang til et meget højt bjerg, og viste ham alle verdens riger og deres herlighed⁹ og sagde til ham: «Alt dette vil jeg give dig, hvis du vil kaste dig ned og tilbede mig.»¹⁰ Da svarede Jesus ham: «Vig bort, Satan! For der står skrevet: «Du skal tilbede Herren din Gud og tjene ham alene.» » (Matt. 4:8-10 D92)

Verden er fyldt med herlighed, fordi den er skabt af Gud! Den er fyldt med liv og skønhed, som Gud har skabt. Og vi kan få det uden Gud! Og sådan mistede Adam og Eva herligheden hos Gud og fik den hver for sig – alene – gudløst – og alt blev tomt og de døde.

Det er virkelig en mulighed. I begæret, selvnudelsen, ulydighed og selvtilbedelse fristes vi til at række ud efter herlighed – uden Gud. Og da bliver det "verdens herlighed". En fordrejet og forløjede herlighed. Det er Jesus selv, som angribes af forløjede herlighed. Alle verdens riger og deres herlighed. Vind i lotto! Køb, hvad du vil! Lad dig ikke binde i ægteskab! Nyd din seksualitet uden at forpligte dig! Bind dig ikke til at få børn! Så mister du din frihed! Frigør dig fra arbejde, tjeneste, lidelse, ... få nydelse! Bind dig ikke til en kristen menighed med mennesker, der kalder på dig!

Men overfor denne herlighed lyder et: **"Vig bag mig Satan!"** Med ét ser og mærker jeg, at det er helt forkert med mig! Når vi ser det, må vi fyldes af rædsel over at have syndet mod Gud og snydt os selv til at stjæle livet uden Gud. Og vi bliver bange!

Men da er Jesus er hos dig i fristelsen og sejr! Det er også en sejr for dig! Og nu er der herlighed til dig, fordi han er hos dig!

3. Frelsens HERLIGHED

LUKAS FORTÆLLER, hvordan hyrder oplevede at Herrens herlighed omstrålede dem, og de blev fyldt af frygt. Herrens herlighed omstrålede hyrderne. Men lige her blev frelsen givet: **Se, jeg forkynder jer en stor glæde! I dag er der født jer en frelser! Han er Kristus, Herren.** Alle Guds løfter ved Moses og profeterne, at et barn, som er HERREN selv, vil blive født og frelse jer, går nu i opfyldelse. Og englens synger om

must be sincere. Abhor evil, stick to good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love, vying to show esteem for one another. Do not hesitate in your zeal, be burning in spirit, serve the Lord. ... Join us in helping!

The Gospel of John begins with this glory.

2. GLORY in the World

MATTHEW AND MARK also tell of a glory at the beginning of the gospel, but not the Glory of Christ and marriage but the glory of the world

⁸ Again the devil took him with him, this time to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory,⁹ and said to him, "All these things I will give you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."¹⁰ Then Jesus answered him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: "You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him alone." (Matt. 4:8-10 D92)

The world is filled with glory because it was created by God! It is filled with life and beauty that God has created. And behold: We can have it without God! That robbed Adam and Eve from the Glory of God and they got glory alone for themselves. And life got empty and they died.

It really is a possibility. In lust, self-indulgence, disobedience, and self-worship, we are tempted to reach out for glory—without God. And then it will be "the glory of the world". A twisted and distorted glory. It is Jesus himself who is attacked by that falsified glory. All the kingdoms of the world and their glory. Win the lottery. Buy what you want. Don't be bound in marriage to another human being! Enjoy your sexuality without committing. Don't commit yourself to having children. Then you lose your freedom. Free yourself from work, service, suffering, ... get pleasure! Don't be in bondage in a Christian congregation where there are people who need you and call upon your help.

But in the face of this glory there is one: **"Depart behind me, Satan!"** Suddenly I see and feel that I am completely wrong! When we see this, we must be filled with horror at having sinned against God and cheated ourselves into stealing life without God. And we get scared! But see! Jesus is with you in temptation and overcomes it! It's a win for you too! And now there is glory for you because he is with you!

3. The GLORY of Salvation

LUKE TELLS how shepherds experienced the glory of the Lord surrounding them, and they were filled with fear. The glory of the Lord shone around the shepherds. But right here salvation was given: **Behold, I declare you great joy! Today a Savior has been born to you! He is Christ the Lord.** All God's promises through Moses and the Prophets that a the child, which is the LORD himself will be born and save you are now being fulfilled. And the

herlighed: " **Ære være Gud i det højeste. og fred på jorden i mennesker Guds velbehag.**" Ordet for "ære" er samme ord, som bruges, da de omstråles af Guds herlighed og frygter. " Herlighed" for Gud i det højeste og fred på jorden hos mennesker Nu kommer han ikke for at dømmе, men frelse jer. For BARNET er født. Herren viser sin herlighed i krybben, i stalden, i ringhed. Han FRELSER. Han redder.

Da er vi dybt inde i evangeliet og i det, som underet i Kana fortæller om: **Dette gjorde Jesus i Kana i Galilæa som begyndelsen på sine tegn og åbenbarede sin herlighed, og hans disciple troede på ham.**

Og evangelisten Johannes fortæller os om baggrunden i begyndelsen af evangeliet. Det, som sker ved et bryllup, når Gud velsigner mand og kvinde og de begynder et samliv i troskab og kærlighed med glæde og vin, det er en smuk begyndelse, som har sin egentlige begyndelse i JESUS! For **I begyndelsen var ordet, og ordet var hos Gud og Ordet var Gud. Han var i begyndelsen hos gud. Og Ordet blev kød og tog bolig hos os, og vi så hans herlighed, en herlighed som den enbårne har den fra Faderen, fuld af nåde og sandhed. (Joh 1,1-3 og 14).**

Når ægtefæller fejrer bryllupsdag, kan de fejre noget som er endnu større: nemlig at det begyndte med ham, som blev menneske forenede sig med dem og har været hos dem med nåde og sandhed. Derfor kunne de tale sandt til hinanden, fordi han var hos dem. Derfor var der tilgivelse i deres ægteskab, fordi han var hos dem med sin nåde. Og når de levede uden ham, var der hverken sandhed eller tilgivelse.

Han bringer os herlighed – og det koster ham alt at gøre det. Det kostede ham livet at bære dine forældre! Det kostede ham livet at bære dig. Og det koster ham livet at bære den menighed, du lever midt i, og hvor du hører om hans herlighed i Evangeliet.

Det er ikke for sjov eller tomme ord. Det er tunge ord, som han lod sig binde af. Han, som sagde: **Jeg er vejen**, han gik vejen et sted, hvor han skulle henrettes. **Han som var og er Sandheden**, blev løjet alt muligt ondt på. Og han døde. **Han, som er Livet**, han blev mødt af falske anklager. Det blev hans dødsdom, og han døde og blev lagt i graven. Det er ham, som var med til bryllup i Kana. Han er Herre i sin kirke hos os.

4. HERLIGE detaljer

Og i evangeliet er der mange detaljer, som viser os hans frelsende herlighed, som han deler med os. Her kommer to af dem:

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angels sing of glory: " **Glory to God in the highest. and peace on earth in the good will of men.**" Glory! God does not come to judge, but to save you. For the CHILD is born. The Lord shows His glory in the manger, in the stable, in lowliness. He saves. He saves.

Then we are deep in the gospel and in what the miracle of Cana tells us: **This is what Jesus did in Cana of Galilee as the beginning of his signs and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.**

And John the Evangelist tells us about the background at the beginning of his Gospel. What happens at a wedding, when God blesses man and woman and they begin a life together in fidelity and love with joy and wine, it is a beautiful beginning, which has its origin in JESUS! For **in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt with us, and we saw His glory, a glory like that of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3 and 14).**

When spouses celebrate their wedding anniversary, they can celebrate something even greater: namely, that it began with Him who became a man, united himself with them, and has been with them with grace and truth. Therefore, they could speak truth to each other. Therefore, there was forgiveness in their marriage, because He was with them with His grace. If they were without him, there was no truth and forgiveness.

He brings us glory – and it costs Him everything to do it. It cost him his life to carry your parents! It cost him his life to carry you. And it costs him his life to carry the church you live in the midst of and where you hear of his glory in the Gospel.

It's not for fun or empty words. These are heavy words that he let himself be bound by. He who said, " **I am the way**," he walked the way in a place where he was to be executed. **He who was and is the Truth** was lied to all kinds of evil, and he died. **He, who is Life**, he was met with false accusations. It was his death sentence, and he died and was laid in the grave. He is the one who attended the wedding in Cana. He is the one who is Lord in his Church with us.

4. GLORIOUS details

And in the Gospel of this Sunday there are details which foretell great things of the glory he is sharing with us. Here are two of them.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and there the mother of Jesus was present, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

"Tre dage efter." Hvorfor lige tre dage? Jo, fordi det fandt sted tre dage efter. Alt, hvad der fortælles i evangeliet er sket. Det er sandt. Men måske det skete tre dage efter, for at vi skal huske på noget andet, der skete tre dage efter. **Husk, hvordan han talte til jer, mens han endnu var i Galilæa, og sagde, at Menneskesønnen skulle overgives i syndige menneskers hænder og korsfæstes og opstå på den tredje dag.» Så huskede de hans ord. (Luk 24:6-8).** I din familie er der også sket tunge ting. Mellem søskende, forældre, ægtefæller. Jesus var ikke selv gift, havde ingen kone og børn, men disciple. OG der skete tunge ting, fornægtelse, forræderi, svigt, hovmod ... Men tre dage efter opstod Jesus fra graven. Tre dage efter er Jesus med jer som den opstandne. I sin kirke, i jeres menighed, i din familie, som samles om hans Ord i sang og bøn.

En anden lille detalje: Jesus siger: **"Min time er endnu ikke kommet!"** Det var jo både et kald til at overlade sagen helt til Jesus! Men også at gøre det med håb. Endnu ikke betyder jo, at timen kommer. Sådan også i dit liv, i din familie, i din sygdom, i din skyld, i dit nederlag.

Da tiden var inde, gjorde han det store under: Gav dem vin i overflod til brylluppet, men også at han var Messias, Kristus, frelseren.

Johannes fortæller igen og igen i evangeliet, at Jesus sagde: **"Min time er endnu ikke kommet."** og til sidst: **"Nu er timen kommet."** Og timen, øjeblikket, begivenheden, han pegede frem på, var underligt nok hans død og opstandelse. **Men Jesus svarede dem: «Timen er kommet, da Menneskesønnen skal herliggøres. Sandelig, sandelig siger jeg jer: Hvis hvedekornet ikke falder i jorden og dør, bliver det kun det ene korn; men hvis det dør, bærer det mange fold. Den, der elsker sit liv, mister det, og den, der hader sit liv i denne verden, skal bevare det til evigt liv. (Joh 12:23-25).** Og så er det jo ikke spor underligt. Det er jo selve hovedsagen. Det er sådan Jesus blev vores frelser.

Det er er også blevet vores time. For **i dåben blev vi begravet med Jesus til døden for at leve med ham (Rom 6,3-4).** Og det er den begivenhed, vi er på vej til: Vores dødstime, hvor vi skal hentes hjem til HERREN. Det giver os tålmodighed til at vente, og tillid til, at Jesus gør, hvad han har lovet os. For han er opstået fra de døde og er fyldt med disse to gave: Nåde og sandhed.

Det er hans gaver ved ethvert bryllup. Det er hans gave så vi her i verden tager imod livets gaver fra Guds hånd. Og det er hans gaver, når han tilgiver os og frelser os. Amen.

"Three days later." Why Three days? Well, because it happened three days later. Everything that is told in the gospel has happened just like it is told. But maybe it happened three days later in order to make us remember something else which happened after three days: **Remember how he spoke to you while he was yet in Galilee, and said that the Son of Man should be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and rise again on the third day." Then they remembered his words (Luke 24:6-8).** In your family, heavy things have also happened. Between siblings, parents, spouses. Jesus was not married himself, had no wife and children, but disciples. And heavy things happened, denial, betrayal, deceit, pride... But three days later, Jesus rose from the tomb. Three days later, Jesus is with you as the risen one in his Church, in your family, in your congregation where you come together around his Word singing and praying.

Another small detail: Jesus says: **"My hour has not yet come!"** It was both a call to leave the matter entirely to Jesus! But also to do it with hope. Not yet does the hour come. So also in your life, in your family, in your illness, in your guilt, in your defeat.

When the time came, he performed the great miracle: giving them wine in abundance for the wedding, but also that he was the Messiah, the Christ, the Savior.

John tells again and again in the Gospel that Jesus said: **"My hour has not yet come."** and finally: **"Now the hour has come."** And the hour, the moment, the event he pointed forward to was, strangely enough, his death and resurrection. **But Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Verily, verily, I say to you, if the grain of wheat does not fall into the ground and die, it will be but the one grain; But if it dies, it bears many folds. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for everlasting life (John 12:23-25).** And then it's not at all strange. That is the main thing. That is how Jesus became our Savior.

It has also become our hour. For **in baptism we were buried with Jesus unto death to live with Him (Romans 6:3-4).** And that is the event we are heading to: our hour of death, when we will be brought home to the Lord. It gives us patience to wait, and confidence that Jesus will do what He has promised us. For He has risen from the dead and is filled with these two gifts: grace and truth.

These are his gifts at any wedding. It is his gift so that we in this world receive the gifts of life from God's hand. And these are His gifts when He forgives us and saves us. Amen.