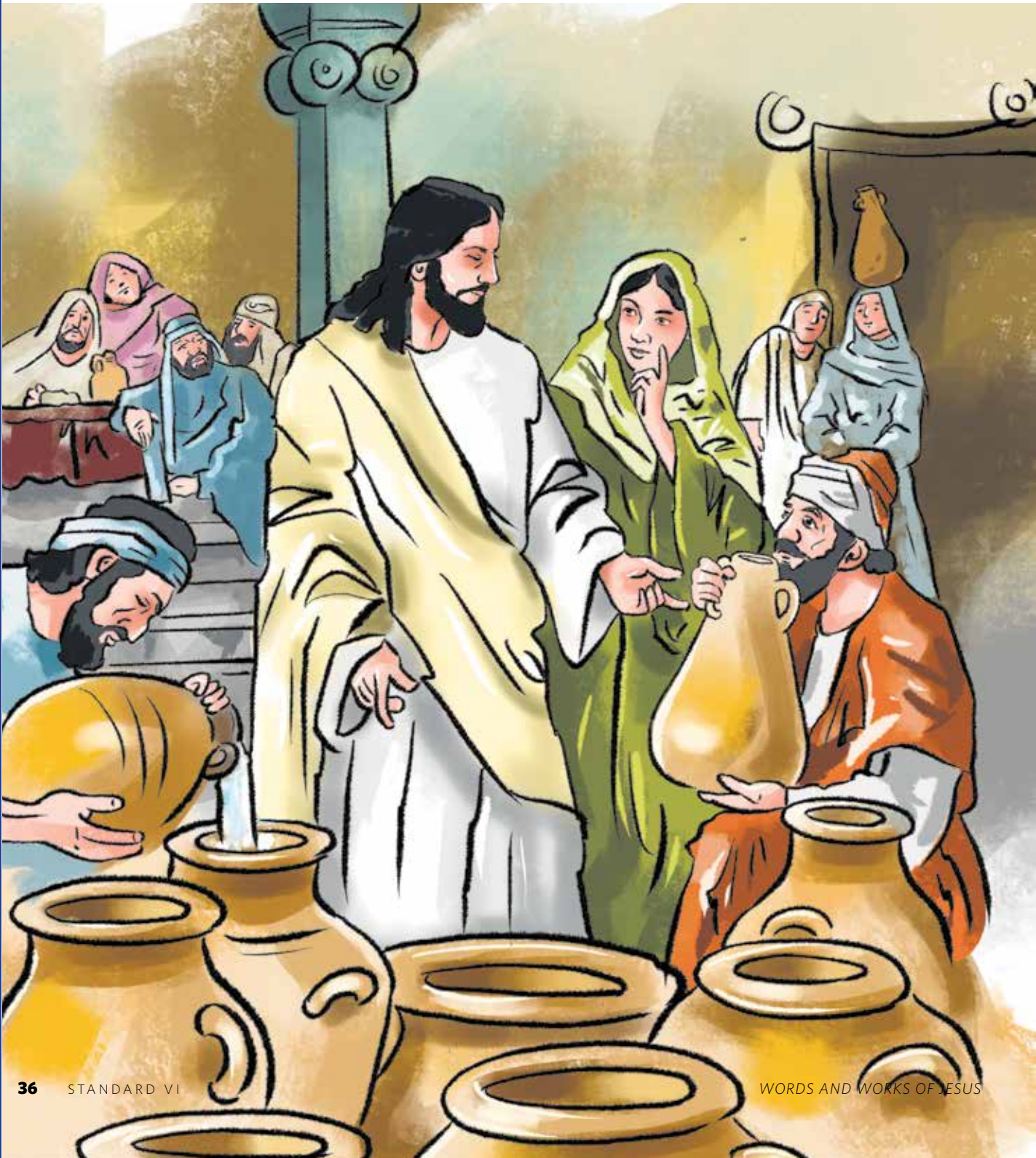




Jesus is the Promised Messiah

The word Messiah means 'saviour'. If we look at the histories of ancient people, we find many expectations from a Messiah, probably because they lived in difficult times. Jesus was born when the Jews were ruled by the Romans and hence the Jews too were yearning for a Messiah to give them freedom.



The concept of a Messiah was not new for the Jews. The Bible contains 127 predictions related to the Messiah that are revealed to us in as many as 3000 Biblical verses. But there's a difference, in the Old Testament even a human being, when anointed king like David, was a messiah while in the New Testament the Messiah is the Son of God Himself.

The messianic disclosure of Jesus of Nazareth comes to us in John's gospel through the miracle of Cana. Jesus worked His first miracle for ordinary people in an extraordinary situation, when the wine got over during a marriage feast! Mary understood the embarrassment of the host and she told her son: "They have no wine left."

Though Jesus shows initial reluctance, He eventually does turn the water into wine bringing abundance of joy to all.

This first miracle convinced Mary and the disciples that Jesus was indeed the Promised Messiah. But more than that, it manifested His divine glory among the ordinary people.

Immediately after this miracle, Jesus lashes His whip against people who dirty the world with their unjust and greedy behaviour or actions. It is true Jesus' act is referred to as the cleansing of the Temple (*John 2: 13 – 22*), but it was a prophetic and messianic voice against all the unjust actions of certain people against their fellow human beings.

The Old Testament prophets like Amos, Micah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah had vehemently spoken against human injustice. Jesus as the Promised Messiah showed that He would not tolerate any injustice.

By cleansing the Temple of unjust practices, Jesus leads us to realize that He is the Messiah who fulfills what the prophets spoke about.





Word of God

John 2:11

Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.



Art: *The Wedding Feast at Cana* by the Italian artist Paolo Veronese, is a representational painting in dimensions of 6.77 m x 9.9 m that depicts the biblical event of the Marriage at Cana (John 2: 1 – 12) where Jesus converts water to wine. Created between 1562 – 1563, the wonderful artistic work is kept in Louvre Museum in Paris, France. Established in 1793, this is the largest art museum in the world.

Poem: *The Cleansing of the Temple* by Malcom Guite is a famous poem on the revolutionary action of Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem (John 2: 13 – 22). When Solomon dedicated the temple, he rightly declared that not even the Heaven of Heavens could contain almighty God, much less this temple made with hands, yet God Himself still came into the temple. He came as a baby, and today He came in righteous anger to clear away the blasphemous barriers that human power-games try to throw up between God and the world He loves.

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