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St. John II. 11.—“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him.”

From early days of Christianity, the “beginning of miracles” has been included in the lessons of the Epiphany. It draws attention to the manifestation of the glory of Jesus in His works of power. Appointed by the Church to be read as the Gospel on the second Sunday after the Epiphany, this year it harmonizes with the second Lesson read on the same Sunday. The Gospel tells of the first miracle, the Lesson is an account of miracles of healing wrought in Galilee. The closing words of the Gospel speak of the two-fold effect of the first sign,—the manifestation of the glory of Jesus, and the strengthening of the faith of the disciples. The Lesson teaches that the miracles of Christ were wrought in answer to faith. Jesus asks, “Believest thou that I am able to do this?” When he touched the eyes of the blind men he said, “According to your faith be it unto you.” To the woman who touched his garment he said, “Thy faith hath made thee whole.” The connection between mir-