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A Suitable Place for a Wedding and a Miracle: Finding the True Cana of Galilee

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__On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee... (John 2:1)___

So where is this village of Cana of Galilee in which Jesus performed the miracle of changing water to wine and thereby for the first time revealed his glory (John 2:11)? Over time, there have been as many as five different places identified as the biblical Cana of Galilee. The ongoing archaeological excavations at Khirbet Qana, a site just north of Nazareth on the northern edge of the Bet Netofa Valley, have exposed the ruins of a first century C.E. Jewish village and compelling evidence that this is in fact the true Cana of Galilee. By way of literary clues, ancient maps and close looks at the results of the excavations of Khirbet Qana, this lecture will investigate the quest for the true Cana and how the ongoing excavations of Khirbet Qana may have finally solved the mystery of finding the elusive Cana of Galilee.

The lecture is sponsored by the Program in Mediterranean Archaeology, the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, and the Michael C. Carlos Museum. The event is free and open to the public.