

## “The Miracles of Jesus”

### Series part1

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**Scripture Text: John 2:1-11 ESV** 1 On the third day, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus was also invited to the wedding with his disciples. 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 this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.**” 5 His mother told the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” 6 Now, there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

7 Jesus told the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So, they took it. 9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

The first thing I observe in the text is a wedding on a Tuesday (**the third day**) when you consider Sunday the first day of the week. Tuesday weddings, in our culture, are not the norm. Weddings in our culture are typically held on Fridays through Sundays to receive the most participation.

Weddings are one of the most joyful and stressful celebrations that I have experienced in my life. They were stressful if I was getting married (done) and joyful as a guest...

**Hallelujah!**

The wedding in Cana focuses on Jesus, his mother (Mary), the servants, and the master of the wedding feast. Some writers have suggested that one of Mary’s relatives was getting married, and when there was a popular person, the whole town celebrated with that family. It could be the reason for running out of wine. If this were true, Mary and her relatives would be embarrassed if they appeared inhospitable by running out of wine, which gave Mary a reason to ask Jesus to intervene.

His mother told him they were out of wine, and He replied, “**Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.**” He was not disrespecting her as it may have sounded. He only reminded her it was before his time to reveal he was the Messiah! Any demonstration of His power would reveal his control over the elements in

this world, declaring His divinity. So, Mary told the servants to do whatever He told them. Jesus, being a compassionate and obedient son, only did what He could do.

Jesus told the servants to fill the six stone water jars, each holding twenty to thirty gallons for the Jewish purification rites. When God blesses you, it is more than enough! They filled the jars up to the brim with water, and the scriptures didn't say when the water turned into wine. There were no grapes, fermentation, or aging of the wine. Even though it doesn't indicate when the water became wine. My thought is that when the servants poured... it transformed into wine. There was wine for many days, approximately 180 gallons of wine! The large quantity of wine – much more than a wedding party could consume – was deliberate. Selling the excess wine could be a source of income for the newlyweds. Also, when the word of the miracle went out, it would furnish proof that the transformation had been an actual miracle.

Jesus used his power to save a wedding and the embarrassment of the host family with all the guests. The servants who drew the water, Mary and the disciples, were aware of Christ's glory, which increased their belief in Jesus.

The feast master praised the bridegroom because he thought the bridegroom had saved the best wine at the end of the feast.

“It is manifest that *one miracle proves the power to work every miracle*. If Christ can turn water into wine by his will, he can do anything and everything. If Jesus has once exercised a power beyond nature, we may readily believe that he can do it again: there is no limit to his power.” (Spurgeon)

Jesus saw the need to intervene in a family affair to save them from embarrassment. How much more will He intervene in your life, if you ask?

Think about this: The wine was *after* the water, and the New Covenant was *after* the Old Covenant. The wine was *from* the water, and the New Covenant was *from* the Old Covenant. The wine was *better* than the water, and the New Covenant was *better* than the Old Covenant.

The water is like a relationship with God under the Old Covenant, and the wine is like a relationship with God in Christ under the New Covenant.

### **Applications:**

**God's unlimited resources are always abundant to those who believe.**

**When our focus is directed toward God, all things are made possible.**