

7 SIGNS

JESUS REVEALED IN
THE BOOK OF JOHN

SESSION 1: JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE



In this series, we discover seven signs of Jesus in the gospel of John. A man blind from birth is given sight, one lunch feeds 5000 hungry bellies, and a man four-days-dead is raised to life! Are these random miraculous acts, or do they point to something more? Together we will explore what these miracles tell us about who Jesus is. Today, Jesus turns washing water into fine wine.



Share

- What is your favourite part of a wedding? Why?
- Have you ever seen something and thought, *"If I didn't see that, I wouldn't have believed it"*? What happened?



Pray

Before we read today's Scripture, let's pray together.

Pray that the Holy Spirit would speak to us through God's Word.



Read

Read John 2:1-12.

You might like to read it in a couple of different translations.

¹The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration.

³The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

⁵But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, ⁸he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions. ⁹When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over.

¹⁰"A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

¹¹This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him. ¹²After the wedding he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples.

(New Living Translation)

¹ Three days later Mary, the mother of Jesus, was at a wedding feast in the village of Cana in Galilee. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited and were there.

³ When the wine was all gone, Mary said to Jesus, "They don't have any more wine."

⁴ Jesus replied, "Mother, my time hasn't yet come! You must not tell me what to do."

⁵ Mary then said to the servants, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do."

⁶ At the feast there were six stone water jars that were used by the people for washing themselves in the way that their religion said they must. Each jar held about 100 liters. ⁷ Jesus told the servants to fill them to the top with water. Then after the jars

had been filled, ⁸ he said, "Now take some water and give it to the man in charge of the feast."

The servants did as Jesus told them, ⁹ and the man in charge drank some of the water that had now turned into wine. He did not know where the wine had come from, but the servants did. He called the bridegroom over ¹⁰ and said, "The best wine is always served first. Then after the guests have had plenty, the other wine is served. But you have kept the best until last!"

¹¹ This was Jesus' first miracle, and he did it in the village of Cana in Galilee. There Jesus showed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him. ¹² After this, he went with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples to the town of Capernaum, where they stayed for a few days.

(Contemporary English Version)



Share

- How would you explain this story in your own words?
- In verses one and two we learn that Jesus, his mother and his disciples are at a wedding. Jesus had started his ministry but takes time out of his schedule to celebrate with people who were most likely family or friends.¹ What do you think this shows about Jesus?
- In verse three, the bride and groom run out of wine. Culturally, this was considered a major mistake and would have brought shame to the couple for a long time.² Jesus steps in and meets this couple's need at an important moment in their lives. What do you think this suggests about the kinds of needs Jesus notices and responds to in people's lives? In what ways does this encourage you today?
- In verse four, Jesus says that his hour has not yet come. What do you think he means by this?³ What do you think this suggest about his mission?

¹ Matthew Henry Commentary on Bible Gateway [Jn 2 NLT - The Wedding at Cana - The next day - Bible Gateway](#)

² [Enduring Word Bible Commentary John Chapter 2](#)

³ This is a common phrase in the Gospel of John. It refers to the time when Jesus will emerge as the Messiah, and ultimately, the time of his crucifixion and death. There at the wedding, Jesus' time had not yet come.

- What sorts of feelings do you usually have when your prayers are not answered right away? What do you think this story tells us about trusting God's timing?
- In verse seven, the servants are asked to fill the jars with water, not knowing what will happen afterwards. Have you ever had a situation where you needed to follow Jesus' leading, even though you didn't have the full picture? What was that like?
- In verse ten, Jesus turns washing water into excellent wine! Where have you seen God bring something surprisingly good out of an ordinary or difficult situation? How might Jesus be working behind the scenes in ordinary situations today?
- After the disciples see Jesus' first miracle, they put their faith in him. What do you think this sign showed them about who Jesus is?
- What is your personal 'takeaway' from this story today?



Pray

Spend time as a group praising and worshipping God – acknowledging who he is and thanking him for all he has done.

Notes

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