

# Water into Wine

At a wedding in Cana, Jesus performs His first miracle, turning water into the finest wine.

John 2:1-11

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Mary, Disciples, Servants, Master of the banquet

THEMES: Jesus' power over nature, Joy, Abundance, Mary's faith

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ON THE THIRD day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and

then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This first miracle revealed Jesus' power over creation and His care for human joy. Running out of wine would have brought shame on the family—Jesus prevented their embarrassment with abundance.

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