

The Wedding at Cana

At a wedding celebration, Jesus performs His first miracle by turning water into wine, revealing His glory and leading His disciples to believe in Him.

John 2:1-12

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Mary, The disciples, The servants, The master of the banquet

THEMES: Jesus' Glory, First Miracle, Abundance, Obedience, Joy

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.' In that culture, running out of wine at a wedding was a serious social embarrassment for the family.

'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.

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.

In turning water to wine, Jesus was doing more than solving a social problem. He was revealing who He was. The water in those ceremonial jars—water used for Jewish purification rituals—became wine of the finest quality. The old was being transformed into the new. The Creator of all things was at work, and those with eyes to see could glimpse His glory.

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