

LIFE GROUP notes

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Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 5



Let's hear your story

1. Where did this miracle take place in John 2:1? **(At a wedding.)**
2. Why was Jesus at the wedding according to v.2? **(He was invited.)**
3. What was big problem at the wedding in v.3? **(The wine ran out.)**
4. Why was it a big problem? **(To fail in providing food and wine for the guests would be a social and financial disaster for the hosts.)**
5. What was Mary's solution in v.5? **(Do whatever Jesus says.)**



Let's go deeper

6. What was the six stone water jars used for according to v.6? **(Jewish rites of purification – for ceremonial washing.)**
7. What did Jesus tell the servants to do in v.7? **(Fill the jars with water.)**
8. To whom did Jesus tell the servants to take the water to? **(Master of the feast.)**
9. How did the master of the feast respond to the water turned wine in v.10b? **(He told the bridegroom; you kept the good wine until now.)**



Let's apply this

9. John 2:11; This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

Each of the people around Jesus show us something significant about Him:

Mary shows us to expect Jesus to do big things. The **servants** show us to obey Jesus without question and to enjoy being part of the miracle. The **bridegroom** shows us that Jesus loves to save the day. The **master of the feast** shows us that Jesus saves the best for last. The **disciples** show us to believe in Jesus.

- Share a testimony of how Jesus did a miracle in your life?
- Trust Jesus this week to do a miracle in you, and through you?

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 5 (Jesus the Miracle-worker)

Read: John 2:1 – 11

v.1 – 2; In the Jewish culture of that day, a wedding was the best party celebration of all. It says that Jesus's mother Mary was there, but there is no mention of Joseph. The explanation most probably is that by this time Joseph was dead. Jesus and His disciples were invited, which shows that Jesus didn't spoil the good time, He was invited and welcomed among those having a good time, yet He never sinned.

v.3 – 5; For the wine to run out at a wedding celebration was a major social disaster for the bride and bridegroom. A wedding was supposed to be the best party of all and for a host to fail in providing hospitality in the form of food and drink was a great dishonour. To fail in providing for the guests would involve social disgrace. In the closely knit communities of Jesus' day such an error would never be forgotten, and the negative stigma would haunt the newly married couple all their lives. Additionally, rabbis of that day considered wine a symbol of joy.

We don't know exactly why Mary brought this problem of; "they have no wine," to her son Jesus. Perhaps she eagerly anticipated the day Jesus would demonstrate that He was the Messiah. When people saw that Jesus was the Messiah it would also vindicate Mary, who lived under the shadow of a pregnancy and birth that many people questioned.

It wasn't wrong for Mary to think that the time had come for her Son to enter public ministry. She knew He had been baptized by John and confirmed with a heavenly sign at His baptism. Mary knew He endured temptation in the wilderness. She knew Jesus had been publicly introduced as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (see John 1:29), and had begun to gather disciples to Himself.

v.6 – 7; Jesus began this miracle by using what was at hand six stone water jars. The waterpots was used for ceremonial washing and purification. Jesus told the servants to fill the waterpots to the brim; He wanted them to work with Him in this miracle.

v.8 – 11; In faith, the servants obeyed the word of Jesus to take the water to the master of the feast. Imagine how angry the master of the feast would have been if they brought him water to taste? Jesus insisted that the miracle be tested by the highest authority the master of the feast. The faithful servants who did their work to the full knew the greatness of the miracle. The large quantity of wine; much more than a wedding party could consume, was Jesus' provision to the couple. They could sell the extra wine after the wedding and use it for their needs. The miracle of Jesus transformed the wedding from a total disaster to an unforgettable party. For God's people the best is yet to come. After this miracle Jesus' disciples believed in Him.