



## **MESSAGE/SERIES:**

**Series: JESUS IN JOHN**

**Message: "New Wine & A New Celebration"**

**Text: John 2:1-11**

**DATE: August 23, 2020**

## **SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:**

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

**John 2:1-11**, Matthew 22:8-14 (Wedding feast), Judges 14:12 (Length of Wedding celebration), John 20:31, Mark 7:2-5 (Wash Pots), Jeremiah 31:12, Amos 9:13-14 (The Kingdom of God has come), Isaiah 54:4-8 (The Husband)

## **OPENING SCRIPTURE:**

**[John 2:1-12]**

*"On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."*

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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.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.”

*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 2:1–13.*

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## BACKGROUND & OTHER STUDY HELPS:

**[JEWISH WEDDING]** A wedding celebration in a Jewish village normally lasted seven days for a virgin bride, three days for a remarried widow. Friends and guests had no responsibility but to enjoy the festivities. There was an abundance of food and wine, as well as song, dance, and fun both in the house and on the street. Rabbis, too, were expected to suspend Torah instruction and celebrate with their students. “The guests of the bridegroom” (Gk. lit. “sons of the bridegroom,” a Semitism) pictures the gathering of the wedding party, waiting impatiently to eat. On such an occasion fasting is entirely out of the question!

James R. Edwards, *The Gospel according to Luke*, ed. D. A. Carson, The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Cambridge, U.K.; Nottingham, England: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Apollos, 2015), 173.

**[GALILEAN WEDDING]** Happens on day seven of Jesus’ ministry. The Jewish weddings were a festival where the groom brings his bride home to stay. There would be a wedding feast as soon as the bride arrived at the groom’s home.

“When a young man wished to marry a young woman, the first step would be the establishment of a **marriage contract [Covenant] that would be paid by the father of the groom**. The groom would present the contract [Covenant] to the young woman and her father at her home and describe the terms under which he would propose marriage. An important part of the contract is the price that the young man was willing to pay to marry the young woman.

In Galilee, if the bride price was agreeable to the young woman’s father, the young man would pour a glass of wine for the young woman. If she drank the wine, then she

accepted the proposal. At that point, the young man and young woman were betrothed. The young man would go to his father's house to prepare a place to bring his bride to. The young woman would begin her preparation for marriage. She would make her dress and the dresses of her attendants.

In Jewish custom, the betrothal period would last 1-2 years. In Galilean tradition, the betrothal period would last until the father of the bridegroom told his son the appropriate time for him to go and get his bride. Only the father knew when that time would be" (On Mission to be Ready, Thomas, June 17, 2020).

\*See movie *Before the Wrath* for Galilean wedding customs

**[CANA OF GALILEE]** "During the first Jewish rebellion, which resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem in ad 70, *Cana was made headquarters for defending Galilee by Josephus*, a Pharisee who was captured by the Romans and later became a famous Jewish historian. After the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, the town became the seat of the priestly family of Eliashib. John's Gospel refers to it as "Cana of Galilee," evidently to distinguish it from the Kanah located near the Phoenician city of Tyre (Jos 19:28).

Walter A. Elwell and Barry J. Beitzel, "Cana," *Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1988), 405–406.

**[2:3]** "To run out of wine at a wedding was a social faux pas that would become the subject of jests for years; the host was responsible to provide his guests with adequate wine for seven days.

The women's quarters were near the place where the wine was stored; thus Mary learns of the shortage of wine before word reaches Jesus and the other men. Her words probably suggest that he should do something; guests were to help defray the expense of the wedding with their gifts, and it seems that their friend needs some extra gifts now."

Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), Jn 2:3.

**[2:4]** "**Woman**" was a respectful address (like "Ma'am") but hardly customary for one's mother. Jesus' statement here establishes polite distance"

Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), Jn 2:4.

**[JOHN VERSUS THE SYNOPTICS ON WORDING]** John uses the greek word translated signs instead of miracles. Sign better speaks to *the proof of Jesus* being the Son of God.

**[MASTER OF THE FEAST]** “Gk. *architriklinos*—‘table-master, master of the feast’] (*Jn. 2:8f*); AV GOVERNOR OF THE FEAST. This word occurs in connection with the wedding at Cana and Jesus’ “sign” of turning water to wine. The “steward of the feast” tested the wine that Jesus had made and pronounced it “the good wine,” which was usually served first at such occasions. The steward, sometimes a servant but here probably an appointee from among the invited guests, was responsible for the arrangements and conduct of the banquet, and functioned as a “master of ceremonies.” *Sir. 32:1f* also offers advice to such a “master of the feast” (Gk. *hēgoúmenos*).”

T. F. Johnson, “Steward Of The Feast,” ed. Geoffrey W. Bromiley, *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Revised* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1979–1988), 618.

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“John has the most penetrating gaze into the eternal mysteries and eternal truths and the very mind of God.”

William Barclay

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## OUTLINE:

### I. (v1-3) WEDDING DAY MISFORTUNE

“On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”

- The Wedding day was a more accurately a festival week that was prepared for over a year before
  - *Lack of preparedness was a humiliation to the families (Social)*
  - *Lack of preparedness would reflect forever on the bridegroom's family (Reputation)*
  
- This Wedding day was symbolic of Jesus coming for His bride
  - *He has prepared a place for us and will come and get His Bride (the church soon)*
    - The Jewish wedding was a true celebration of a new life together for the two families who had united (week long celebration feast)
      - *The feast began with the groom going to get His bride and bringing her to His house*
    - Galilean Wedding began with a marriage covenant and commitment (betrothal) and the father of the bridegroom told the groom when to go get His bride in the middle of the night (surprise/exciting)
      - *This time of preparation and waiting could have been a year of more before the bridegroom would go get His bride (a long time has passed)*
      - *No one knows when Jesus will return but the Father (but focus on the fact that He is coming back when we least expect Him)*
  
- The Wedding Day preparations were complete and this is why when the day had come in this case the preparations had failed to be sufficient
  - *The family ran out of wine on the first day of celebration (worst case scenario)*
  - *The Wine was expected to be of a good quality*

- *Mary, Jesus' mother, apparently had a role in managing the wedding as she is concerned about the provisions*

## II. (v4-5) WEDDING DAY MOMENT

*<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."*

- This moment with Mary Jesus' address as "Woman" was not disrespectful
- Jesus' question back to Mary renders this thought- "what do you and I have in common in this matter"
  - *This is a moment of respectful rebuke of his mother Mary was necessary as Mary needed to mark the moment (she knew it would come)*
  - *This is a moment in which Mary transitions from the lead voice in Jesus' life and now Jesus must follow God the Father's will from this point forward*
    - The Father would make the call as to when and how Jesus responded as Jesus came to earth to do the will of the Father
      - John 5:30, **John 8:28-29** <sup>28</sup> *So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup> And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."*
    - Jesus was not driven by any humans desires in his ministry and this is clear by making this point with Mary

- Mary's comment to the servants projects and understanding that she understands her new role as she said, "do whatever He tells you"
  - *Jesus is the leading voice on the scene now*
  - *The Father's will would be echoed through Jesus to the people (Jesus is the revelation of God)*

### III. (V6-8) WEDDING DAY MIRACLE

<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

- The miracle involved taking vessels used to clean dishes, feet, and hands (dirty water)
  - *We are dirty vessels as we identify with fallen man and Adam- yet Jesus has a purpose for us through Christ*
    - *Through Justification (making us right with God Through Christ)*
    - *Through the power of the word and the Holy Spirit*
      - How can anything good come from these vessels? It is about the content of the vessels (the heart/Holy Spirit)
  - *Jesus calls for the jars to be filled to the brim (6 jars approx 120-180 gallons of water)*
    - *Jesus supplies the whole wedding festival with abundance of wine (HE rescues the failure of a wedding feast)*
      - Jesus was sent to restore God's chosen people to Himself
      - (Quantity) Jesus in us is life abundant John 10:10

- The Miracle was a sign of who Jesus was
  - *The sign of Jesus turning nasty water in nasty containers to wine was done to prove to the people Jesus is the messiah they had been looking for*
  - *The Sign was done and presented to the only human judge on the scene that counted (the master of the feast)*
    - \*See notes on master of the feast

#### **IV. (V9-12) WEDDING DAY MAJESTY**

<sup>9</sup> *“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 <sup>10</sup> 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.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. <sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.”*

- **(v9) The Wine was so Exquisite that the Master of Ceremonies was blown away**
  - *When we taste of the new wine which is the Spirit of God coming into our lives people want to know where this new person has come from*
    - The product always reflects on its maker (Jesus the creator and author of redemption)
- **(v10) The New Wine was not only better than the old wine there was not comparison**
  - *The master of ceremonies points out that it's not normal for good wine to be served throughout the feast (all of the wine Jesus made was perfect)*



- **(v11-12) The Miracle was a sign of Jesus' identity and purpose**

- *Son of God*
- *Messiah*
- *Lamb of God*
- *Redeemer*

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Meditation Moment:

1. John presents Jesus as the son of God and the Messiah.
2. John presents this moment as a first step in revealing The Father's will through Jesus' earthly ministry.
3. The New Wine was fermented and was the best the master of ceremonies had ever tasted as seen by his response.
4. Jesus is the all consuming God in our lives and we are in His control as Jesus was under the submitted guidance of the Father and of the Spirit.

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-----Message from Pastor Michael-----  
Church,

This beautiful first sign or miracle in Cana is beautiful as it reveals Jesus as God as well as pointing us to the marriage supper of the Lamb that will be the consummation of our marriage with Jesus as His Bride. We will be perfect when this marriage supper takes place as this Wine was perfect. However, we must not miss the fact that the perfect lives in us as the perfect was placed inside the dirty jars on that day. You are His vessel and He is the temple of God in you... worship Him as Jesus is the son of God and our bridegroom!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Michael

