

May 23, 2020 Sermon Outline
The Wedding at Cana
John 2:1-11

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BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 23, 2021
2:1-12

Passage: John

Memory Passage: John 2:11

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read John 2:1-12.** What does “the third day” refer to in verse 1?

(b) It is interesting to note that John specifically tells us Jesus’s mother was at the wedding, but there is no mention of His father. Why do you suppose Joseph isn’t spoken of in this text?

(c) When Mary tells Jesus that “They have no wine,” how does Jesus respond to her? Was He being disrespectful with his answer?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read John 2:1-12.** What do you think Jesus meant by His statement, “My hour has not yet come”? What specifically was the “hour’ He was referring to?

(b) When Jesus’s mother told the servants to “Do whatever he tells you,” was she expecting Jesus to perform a miracle, or just come up with some other practical solution to the problem?

(c) What was the significance of the six stone water jars? Would they normally be used for the purpose of drinking?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read John 2:1-12.** John tells us that the water jars were “filled to the brim.” Why is this small detail important?

(b) How does the master of the feast react to tasting the wine? What is significant about his comments?

(c) Some people have attempted to make the argument that the “wine” that Jesus created did not contain alcohol. How does the text help us to understand whether or not this is a valid assertion?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read John 1:14; 2:1-12; 20:30-31.** In verse 11, John tells us that this was the first of Jesus's "signs." According to John 20:30-31, what was the purpose of the "signs" that John has recorded? How did Jesus's act of turning water into wine fulfil this purpose?

(b) According to verse 11, the "sign" of Jesus turning water into wine was a revelation of His "glory." What is meant by the term "glory"?

(c) In what specific way(s) does this "sign" at Cana of Galilee demonstrate Jesus's glory?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read John 2:1-12.** It has been noted that the New Testament never mentions Jesus laughing. We do read that Jesus cried (Luke 19:41-44; John 11:35), that He was deeply troubled (John 13:21), and even angry (Mark 3:5), but we have no record of laughter on His part. Does this account in John 2:1-12 give us any clues as to whether there might have been times when Jesus was lighthearted? Are there other examples in scripture that you can think of that might help to shed light on this subject?

(b) Although wine was sometimes associated with God's judgement in the Old Testament (Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15-16), it was also frequently associated with blessing (Deuteronomy 33:28; Psalm 104:14-15; Jeremiah 31:12; Joel 3:18; Amos 9:13-15). In the account of the wedding at Cana, do you see any symbolic connection to the Old Testament motif of blessing upon God's people? Why or why not?

(c) What are some practical ways that we can fulfil the dual purpose of meeting earthly needs in ways that bring joy and happiness to others, while at the same time highlighting the "glory" of Christ?

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