

“Water to Wine” • John 2:1–12

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Review • John presents 7 sayings & 7 signs that point to Jesus’ divine nature. He also shares unique encounters with Christ, the behind the scenes of His ministry.

Intro • In John 1:51, Jesus calls Himself by His favorite title for Himself: Son of Man. What does this mean, and how does it connect to our passage today?

2:1–2 • Historical background of weddings in Jesus’ day — _____

Key idea • Weddings were spiritual events. They indicated new life, blessing, future hope for the community. A scandal such as running out of wine would ruin this couple’s reputation in the community.

Vs 3 • Jesus and His disciples attend a wedding, and they run out of wine! Jesus graciously steps in to solve their wine-supply problem.

Vs 4 • “Woman” is not a derogatory term; some translations correctly say “Dear Woman”

“My hour...” • Jesus’ ministry was on a very careful timeframe. He had to carefully manage public opinion. So, when He does perform this miracle, it is only known to a few.

Vs 5 • “Whatever He says to you, do it”—These are some amazing words to apply to our Discipleship. *Doing* what God tells us to do—putting His Word into practice—is the biggest challenge in our walk (James 1:22–24; Matthew 7:24–25)

Vs 6–7 • “up to the brim”—What a great picture of complete obedience! This allows God to take what is ORDINARY and turn it into something EXTRAORDINARY.

Vs 8–10 • Takeaways from the miracle of turning water to wine →

1 • Jesus didn’t upstage the wedding party; he brought more praise upon them. → _____

2 • Only the servants saw the miracle → If we want to see Jesus at work, be a _____

3 • Contrary to normal customs, the best wine was brought out last → Jesus is flipping the script once again! In His kingdom, expect _____

Vs 11–12 • One more takeaway from the “sign” of turning water to wine → This points to Jesus’ eternal nature. Wine making takes time, but Jesus needed *no* time. He isn’t bound to time. (Psalm 90:1–4)

Final takeaway → Like this wedding couple, God can work *even before you realize there is a problem!* Don’t think, “God never works in my life” or “God isn’t taking care of me.” We need to be thankful for what He is doing behind the scenes, without us even knowing it. (Psalm 139:1–6)
