

Walking with Jesus Part 1

John 2

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4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, **9** and 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 **10** 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."

Vs. 1,2

1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, **2** and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

Just before this, Jesus was with John the Baptist in the region of Bethany near the Jordan right outside of Jerusalem. Now he is traveling back up into the Galilee to Cana

A couple of Disciples Phillip, Andrew and Peter are with Jesus and Vs. 2 says "Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding."

In Jewish Custom a Wedding was a big deal. It was to be the most joyful celebration and the highlight of a Bride and Grooms life.

- And it says that Jesus was invited to be present...
- Think about that for a minute...
- Jesus - The Son of God was invited to this couples wedding and the Bible says he went...
- No Pressure on the preacher of that wedding...
- The Designer / Architect / Engineer and Creator of Marriage is sitting in the Audience listening to every word the priest performing the Wedding says... No Pressure!

Jesus was there...

- He didn't Preach...
- He didn't give a Speech...
- To our knowledge he didn't offer up any Prayer...
- He was just there enjoying and celebrating with the family because he was invited...

The fact that Jesus was invited to this wedding has several implications:

- The invitation of Jesus to this wedding says something about the kind of man Jesus was.
- I mean what kind of people do you invite to a celebration.
- Probably not stuffy, grumpy people.
- Jesus was there, enjoying a very joyful, celebrated event because he was invited.
- Also the invitation of Jesus to this wedding says something about what happens when we invite Jesus into the events of our life.

Vs. 3

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

From what I have found culturally in their time, this was a major social mistake, and could have caused great shame for the couple for a long time. A wedding was supposed to be the best party of all, and for a host to fail in providing adequate hospitality was a great dishonor.

Vs. 4

“Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.”

Jesus’ Ministry has just begun...

The result of what happens next is the first miracle of Jesus...

Jesus does not address his Mother as Mother.

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He address her with a Greek word that is a little more difficult to translate to English.

The original word implies respect, with distance... It could also have been translated Lady or Ma’am.

By this time we see Jesus is set out to please and do only what his Heavenly Father has for him to do.

John 5:19

“Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”

John 8:29

“For I always do those things that please Him.”

I believe what possibly happened here was Jesus received immediate instruction from his Heavenly Father to honor his mothers request.

1 Samuel 2:30

“But now the Lord declares... Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained.”

I believe perhaps the Father honored Mary’s request as a woman who honored God.

Jesus also fulfilled all the law and the prophets and perhaps this was part of how Jesus fulfilling the 5th Commandment: Honor thy Father and Mother.

None the less there was a shift in what Jesus did and what happened next was profound.

Vs. 5

His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Oh what a word from God for them and for us today as well.

Whatever he tells you to do, do it!

This is where the Miracle begins...

It's great to invite Jesus into the party but if you want to see a miracle when he gets there you have to be willing to “Do whatever he tells you.”

Vs. 6,7

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.

That's 120 to 180 Gallons of Water

In case you don't know I'm almost certain they didn't have indoor plumbing in Galilee.

Sometimes what Jesus asks is difficult...

It's rarely convenient...

Vs. 7

Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.

This is important and significant because Jesus didn't add to the jars...

Jesus didn't have a pocket full of Wine Concentrate...

He didn't add anything to the jars, he transformed what was there...

Many times would rather Jesus add to rather than transform what's there.

Jesus will you add to my life Joy

Jesus will you add to my life Financial Success

Jesus will you add to my life that Special Someone

Jesus will you add to my life _____

Jesus transformed what was there and Jesus does the very same thing in us. He transforms us from the inside out before he adds anything...

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

He transforms an ungrateful heart and makes it grateful before he adds joy

He transforms a Greedy, Idolatrous heart

He transforms an immature, irresponsible, selfish heart before he gives them someone else to love and take care of.

He transforms before he adds too.

The pots were filled to the brim.

There was nothing he could add to it.

He simply transformed what was there.

Vs. 8

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,

When Jesus transforms something he never leaves there...

He doesn't just look at it...

It's not to just marvel over...

Jesus said, Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.

There was an actual master of the banquet

But I can't help but thank of the Wedding Banquet in Matthew 22

There is a Master of that Banquet and he is God the Father.

Jesus is transforming from something that is common and perhaps polluted to something that is rare and valuable.

In Acts 10:15 God told Peter; “What God has cleansed you must not call common.”

In other words don't call what God has made clean, unclean and don't call that which he has made uncommon, common.

These things are the new wine God has made and he draws them out for his own purposes. They are for his joy and delight.

Vs. 9,10

Then he called the bridegroom aside **10** 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 man does is cheap compared to what God can do.

I believe this is a picture of people who spend much of their life doing it their way only to find out at the end of their life what God does is so much better.

They will say, but you have saved the best till now.”

Even those who have struggled
those who have wondered God where are you
those who are weary in their faith

David said

I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living. **Psalm 27:13**

Closing

- 1. Invite Jesus in**
- 2. Do whatever he tells you to do**
- 3. Don't expect him to add to, let him transform what is there**
- 4. The Lord will draw what he produces in you for himself.**
- 4. Believe that in Jesus the best is yet to come**