

Bill & Kipp's Excellent Bible Adventure

John - **Episode 9** - John 2: 1-12 - *Cana Wedding*

- I. Vines and Israel - In the Old Testament prophets, Israel is often referred to as a vine and God as the owner of the vineyard. Often this analogy reflected the frustration of God for Israel not “producing fruit” as God had intended.
- A. Read the following passages and determine what frustrated God and Jesus.
1. Ezekiel 15: 1-6 - Wood Vine
 2. Ezekiel 19: 10-13 -
 3. Matthew 21: 33-43 - Wicked Tenants
- B. Do you think that Jesus, producing fruit of the wine from worthless water, was announcing a hopeful new chapter in the history of Israel? Looking at John 15: 1-5, who becomes the new vine, the New Israel?
- C. Why is it nearly impossible to put new wine into old wine skins (fresh and growing ideas into unyielding forms)? Where in life have you struggled with old wine skins when God was doing something new?
- II. Relationship with Mary
- A. Why do you think Jesus asked Jesus to get involved in the “not enough wine” problem?
- B. Why do you think Jesus responded as he did?
- C. What are your thoughts about how Mary ignored Jesus and pushed forward?
- D. Who are you in relationship with that is able to see past your temporary frustration and push you toward your best?
- III. Takes the Worst and Makes the Best
- A. What did you learn about the water and pots that were mentioned in this chapter from the video?
- B. When has God taken “the worst” and made “the best” in your life?
- C. Where are you praying in our society that God would take “the worst” and make “the best?”