

# The Word Made Flesh

## Turning Water to Wine- John 2:1-12

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### 1. The Problem

- The wedding at Cana runs out of wine, a crisis with real cultural consequences.
- Weddings lasted a week, and running out of supplies damaged a family's reputation and livelihood.
- Mary approaches Jesus not as her son but as her Lord, asking Him to intervene with a miracle.

### 2. The Response

- Jesus' reply, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come," creates distance between God's timing and human expectation.
- "Woman" is respectful, not harsh, and "My hour" points forward to the cross.
- Jesus redirects the moment from earthly embarrassment to divine purpose.

### 3. The Solution

- Mary responds with faith: "Do whatever He tells you."
- Her example models surrender, trust, and readiness to obey.
- When the wine runs out in our lives, the call is the same: trust Jesus fully and follow Him without hesitation.

### 4. The Means

- Jesus works through ordinary servants and ordinary objects: six stone jars used for purification.
- The miracle requires effort and faith; the servants fill heavy jars with water despite knowing it isn't wine.
- The first miracle is quiet, compassionate, and done among ordinary people, revealing Jesus' humility and kindness.

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### 5. Layers of the Story

#### A. The Ultimate Wedding

- Jesus' ministry begins at a wedding because His Kingdom will begin with a wedding: the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
- Marriage symbolizes God's covenant love, culminating in Christ and His Bride.

#### B. Intercession and the Church

- Mary models the heart of intercession: she sees a need, brings it to Jesus, and trusts Him.
- Scripture repeatedly calls believers to pray with faith, persistence, and confidence.

#### C. Ritual Purification

- The stone jars represent the Old Covenant rituals that could not truly cleanse.
- Jesus transforms them, symbolizing the coming New Covenant through His blood.

#### D. The Best for Last

- The master of the feast marvels that the best wine was saved for last.
- A picture of Christian hope: the fullness of joy is ahead, not behind.

#### E. Judgment and Mercy

- Jesus' first miracle contrasts Moses' first sign.
- Moses turned water into blood for judgment; Jesus turns water into wine for mercy.
- As the greater Moses, Jesus brings grace, not condemnation.