

THE GOD OF BIG & SMALL

John 2:1-12

④ IS JESUS BIG ENOUGH TO WORSHIP AND CLOSE ENOUGH TO CARE?

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OUR PROBLEMS / HIS PURPOSE

John 2:1-3 - ¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

NOT PRESENT
OUR PROBLEMS

⑥ **THE WEDDING**
Jesus' mother - perhaps family or help?
Jesus came with disciples thus far

① **LUKE: JESUS GREW IN WISDOM AND STATURE**
Over time, Jesus became someone to depend on

① **BRING PROBLEMS TO JESUS**
Like Mary, trust
Our problems
Problems of those we love
Problem of the world at large

We too are to grow in faith, but luckily we all like Mary can bring Jesus our problems.

Casting upon the one who cares

THE PROBLEM

Wine ran out - embarrassment/lawsuit
Jesus' mother depends on him in many ways, asks

John 2:4 - ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

HIS PURPOSE
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(SAY YES)

⑥ **JESUS RESPONDS**
Not rude, but abrupt: provide perspective

① **YOU NEED HIS PURPOSES DECLARED**
Cutting stone/making living/building cathedral

① **WHAT STORY ARE YOU A PART OF?**
Everyone else is proclaiming theirs.
What are we taking in and what are we contributing towards?

MY HOUR = MESSIANIC AGE
Wine/Abundance - Jer, Hos, Amos
Wedding Feast - Revelation, Matthew

John 2:5 - ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

WE SURRENDER
TO HIS WILL

⑥ **SURRENDER**

① **REALISTIC SOBRIETY / DIVINE EXPECTANCY**
We tend to start expectant and trend realistic

① **A GOOD THEOLOGY HAS BOTH**
Chip/Dan Heath
"Beware the soul-sucking voice of reasonableness."

ETERNAL POWER / EVERYDAY PRESENCE

John 2:6-8 - ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

POWER

⑥ **JEWISH RITES OF PURIFICATION**
Contamination, disease, etc.
All required washing... actually good idea.

① **WATER CHANGED**
Water used for washing away disease and death is changed to the best wine to be used for feasting.

① **CLEAN IS GOOD, FEAST BETTER**
LAW IS GOOD, JOY IS BETTER

FILL TO BRIM AND TAKE IT
Vessels primed for use
Jesus doesn't smash them, he repurposes them.

JESUS DID NOT COME TO ABOLISH BUT FULFILL
Fulfilled law requires celebration

GOD IS FORESHADOWING WHAT THE CROSS WOULD ACCOMPLISH FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIM.

⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."

RELIEF OF BRIDEGROOM

Jesus is mindful of us in our need

Psalm 8:3-4
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Thomas Curtis Clark
"I leave unprofitable questions to the theologians, who seem to love to fight about them and to grow angry against each other about them, even to chains and dungeons and burnings at the stake. It is enough for me to be able to find this Christ, my guide to better living, my stay in the storms of trouble, my light in the darkness of death, the Great Companion along every way I am called to travel; for I reach out to find his hand in the darkness, and discover that I am holding the hand of God."

we are so busy, but don't get lost in big God

THE BEST & THE STOPS PULLED

Look at all this great wine.

In Jesus, the best is always yet to come.

Isaiah 55:1-3
"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David."

God doesn't stop at eternal life, though that would be enough.
ABUNDANT JOY.

GLORY IN PART / GLORY IN FULL

John 2:11 - ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

SIGNS (JESUS CALLS THEM WORKS)

PURPOSE: PREPARING EVIDENCE
FOR THE CROSS

THAT WE MAY BELIEVE.

GLORY SHOWN

SIGNS GOOD,
SEEN GLORY IN JESUS
FOR BETTER
SERVANTS SAW SIGNS, NOT GLORY
ARE WE THIS WAY?
LET'S NOT MISS HIS GLORY

FAITH STRENGTHENED

GLORY IN MIRACLES/PARTIAL
GLORY IN PRESENCE/PARTIAL

BIRDS, CLOUDS, HAWKS.