

The Water Pots
John 2:1-11

John 2:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

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. **3** When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."
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."
11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Intro: History of preaching this passage

-Observations about the text:

- It is the beginning of miracles
 - John is the only one who records it
 - It is obviously very early on in his ministry
- It is a tone setting...prophetic type of miracle
 - Wedding...covenant relationship
 - Transformation...water into wine
- Mary brings the problem to Jesus
 - There is a lesson there for sure
 - Even a mundane problem should be brought to him
- His response was respectful
- Her response was appropriate
 - Obey

The water pots: Stone filled with water to wash feet and hands
-Ignoble purpose

- Wine was stored in skins not in stone
- These pots were between 18 and 27 gallons each
 - 108 gallons - 162 gallons
 - “without wine there is no joy”
 - joy in abundance...quantity
 - the best wine...quality

Transformation: The theme of Jesus’ ministry

- transform sinners into saints
- transform lost sheep into found ones
- transform the abandoned into the never forsaken

Pot 1- Sin – Forgiveness and victory

- I have come to seek and to save that which was lost
- Who was lost?
 - US!
- We all have a sin problem and there is only one cure...Jesus.

Pot 2- Sorrow – Joy

- If you haven’t experienced sorrow in your life...you will
- Sorrow is an emotion we feel when we’ve lost something or someone we care about deeply.
- “Sorrow may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning”
- joy is an interesting thing...because it rises above circumstance
 - happiness is about happenings...its circumstantial
 - Joy comes from an abiding peace and promise of better days ahead
 - Peace and promise of God’s presence with us

*Joy in Mexico

Pot 3- Sickness – Healing

- I used to have a lot of trepidation when preaching this point. But I’ve gotten over that in recent days.
- I have seen God heal people dozens of times. Some instantaneously...other times through a longer time.
- When it comes to God healing...
 1. All who are in him are promised and ultimate healing.
 2. All who are healed here will still eventually die.
 - So why heal? To win souls. So people see God’s power.

Pot 4- Problems / Drama – Wise Solutions

- One thing I know...God’s ways are not our ways
- His thoughts are not our thoughts
- *Watercooler wisdom...scriptural wisdom
 - Marriages broken up at the water cooler?
 - Parenting...the Bible is full of wise parenting advice that the world rejects
 - Not the least of which is spare the rod, and spoil the child.
 - Life issues...Boundaries...by Henry Cloud...biblical counsel

Pot 5- Needs – Supplied

-5 loaves 2 fish....enough for everyone

-I don't know how God does it...I just know that He does it.

-We have had lean times and abundant times...our needs have been supplied
-and a more than fair share of our wants.

*elders through covid

Pot 6-fill in the blank...future? marriage?

Give it to God and He alone can take your stone water pot and transform it!

Why 6?

-Because we are the pots...what is in us needs to change!