

Jesus On Purpose: The Path Of A Resurrected Heart

Part 9- “Water Into Wine — The Resurrection Heart in Surrender”

Texts: John 2:1–11

I. INTRODUCTION : A SMALL MOMENT THAT REVEALS A BIG HEART

At first glance, the wedding at Cana looks simple.

A celebration. A problem. A miracle.

But this moment is not just about water becoming wine.

It is about a **heart being formed through surrender**.

Because before Jesus reveals His glory... The Father honors the willing, obedient and faithful heart of Mary and she reveals a **resurrection heart**.

II. THE MOMENT OF PRESSURE

“When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”” John 2:3

This is not just a logistical problem.

In that culture, this was:

- shame
- failure
- public embarrassment

Mary steps in.

⁴*Jesus said, “Is that any of our business, Mother—yours or mine? This isn’t my time. Don’t push me.”*

⁵*She went ahead anyway, telling the servants, “Whatever he tells you, do it.” John 2:4,5 MSG*

This is the same Mary that Simeon in Luke 2 said : ³⁴....*This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”*

III. THE DEATH TO IDENTITY

This is one of the most misunderstood moments in Scripture.

Jesus is not being disrespectful. He is being **defining**. He is drawing a line:

Jesus is requiring Mary to no longer relate to Him as a **mother with authority**. She must now relate to Him as **Son under the Father’s will**.

This is the shift:

From earthly relationship → to divine alignment BUT...!!!!

The Father does not forget the cost. In the same manner Abraham had to be willing to sacrifice His son in obedience, resulting in a sacrificial lamb coming in as the replacement.

Mary was faced in this very moment with decision.... ***Be bound to earthly motherhood*** or -----Wait!!!

We have become a culture that we create two polar opposite responses for one question, and we never stop to consider in Gods plan and His Beauty in considering us.

God and Jesus allow the room for the most beautiful answer by the most important person in the History of earth. It wasn’t only because she was the one who birthed Jesus...it was because just as Abraham gave legal right for the Father to use Jesus as the Once and for all sacrificial lamb so that satan can never accuse

God of performing anything outside of the sphere of man, He uses Mary just like Abraham and sets the scene for “man’ to give authority to use death to defeat death.

But the Father doesn’t use a stranger, He uses, and asks the One whos heart would feel the most pain and she responds, not because she knew the answers, but because she was a humble and obedient woman just as she was a humble and obedient child when Gabriel first told her of the plan.

And despite Simeon’s words “***And a sword will pierce your own soul too.***” She understood the authority she had in allowing her son, her first born to fulfill His destiny, therefore becoming probably the first and brightest resurrected heart we have as an example outside of Jesus himself.

Her Identity of Mother was never asked of her to be disregarded, it made it harder to be a Mother and be in divine alignment. And satan can never accuse such a heart, which is why he works so hard to make us cheap, weak hearted men.

This was Mary’s cost, **to initiate the cause that would bring a brutal death to her son, but with the promise that he would save the world. But first brutal death!**

IV. THE RESURRECTION HEART REVEALED

So when Mary says: “***Do whatever He tells you.***”

She does not argue. She does not defend her position. She does not cling to her role. She releases Him.

While it is evident the Father sets the scenario and allows for human will to dictate outcomes, I sincerely believe while Jesus knows His outcome, He is amazed at times by the faith, aka- resurrected heart, and the first time He really sees that is with His mother.

“It’s not time” , pause, 30 years of emotions rush in a split second like a whirlwind, appearing to overcome her, then silence.a lifetime of grace filled growth in humility and obedience silence the enemy’s attempt to deafen her spiritual discernment, and her heart posture responds.

Do whatever He tells you.”

V. SURRENDER WITHOUT CONTROL

Mary shows us something profound:

She **initiates the moment**,

but she does not **manipulate the outcome**.

This is rare.

Most people:

- bring requests to God
- then try to control His response

But Mary models something different:

Intercession without control

Trust without timeline

Faith without pressure

VI. THE DEEPER DEATH

This is not just about a miracle.

This is about **identity death**.

Mary had to die to:

- being needed
- being central
- being the one with influence

Jesus gently shifts her from:

Mother → the most important Disciple

VII. THE MIRACLE AFTER THE DEATH

Only after Mary releases... Jesus acts.

¹¹This act in Cana of Galilee was the first sign Jesus gave, the first glimpse of his glory. And his disciples believed in him. John 2:11

Notice the order:

Surrender → then glory

This is the pattern of resurrection.

VIII. THE SWORD COMPLETED AT THE CROSS

Cana was not the full death. It was preparation.

Because the same Mary who released Him at a wedding... would stand at a cross.

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son,"²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

I sincerely believe Jesus was uniting the only two hearts on earth at that time that understood what it took. And Mary Mothered John probably until her death, the way she mothered Jesus.

BUT HERE IS THE REVELATION

Mary's surrender at Cana prepared her for the cross.

She had already learned:

- how to release
- how to trust
- how to not control

IX. THE RESURRECTION OF MARY'S HEART

Mary's story does not end at the cross.

"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with... Mary the mother of Jesus." Acts 1:14

Some would say she became a disciple, I would argue she has always been the mother of the resurrected heart. She nurtured Jesus to the cross, she nurtured John. She carried the resurrected heart like no one. She has been transformed. It probably started the day Gabriel visited her.

THE RESURRECTION HEART DEFINED

- The resurrection heart is:
 - willing to release what it loves most
 - willing to surrender control
 - willing to trust God's timing
 - willing to let identity be redefined
 - Love
 - Obedience
 - Humility
 - Grace
- Mary walks that path in real time. And what does it produce?

A heart that can:

- endure the cross
- wait in the unknown
- receive what God is doing next

- So the question is not: Do you trust God with your needs?

The deeper question is:

Can you trust Him without controlling the outcome?

Because the resurrection heart is not formed in miracles. It is formed in surrender.

- Mary said: "Do whatever He tells you."

And in that moment... she stopped being the one in control... and became the one ready for resurrection.