



## Like Jesus Living it Up Like Jesus

### *John 2:1-11*

*On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet. "They did so, 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 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." 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.*

### **The Deeper Reality Behind the First Sign**

The What: The **wedding banquet** symbolizes the **ultimate celebration**

### *Isaiah 25:6-8*

*On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.*

### *Revelation 19:7*

*Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.*

The Why: The **empty containers** symbolize a **severe deficiency**.

The How : The **expensive wine** symbolizes a **costly sacrifice**.

### **So What? Lessons Learned from This Story**

I need to deal **with the present by looking to the future**.

I need to see **Jesus as He really is and see how He sees me**.

*Isaiah 62:5*

*As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.*

I need to **respond to Christ's invitation to the never-ending celebration**.

*Revelation 19:9*

*Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"*

*Revelation 3:20*

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*



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