

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Resurrection Wedding
John 2:1-12
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Today we will look at the first of what John calls signs. These will be seven miracles viewed by John and the disciples as proof of divine authority and majesty of Jesus.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 9 When 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 10 and 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." 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

John 2:1-11 ESV

As we walk through the details of the account as John has recorded them we will take notice of the meaning in the details.

THE THIRD DAY

The phrase 'the third day' brings to mind another event in the life of Jesus. The resurrection.

THE WINE FAILED

When Jesus talks about 'His hour' it is a reference to His arrest and crucifixion.

It is clear Mary is expecting a miracle. She tells the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them to do.

SIX STONE JARS

It would have been expected and customary to provide a way for the guests to wash before eating.

In the Old Testament wine was present when the Messiah came and the prophet Amos foretold: Amos 9:13b-14 ESV

The six stone jars represent the OT sacrificial system. Six is the number of mankind.

THE SEVENTH VESSEL

In the Gospels, Jesus identifies wine with His blood.

For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:28 ESV

Water cleanses the outside of the body and the blood of Jesus cleanses the inside with His blood. What Jesus brings is better than anything that has come before.

Jesus is the bridegroom. Listen to what He has done.

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 10:14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.
Hebrews 9:26b, 10:14 ESV

The wine, His blood, is available for all who will believe. God's grace is offered to all. It must simply be accepted.

And the disciples saw what Jesus did and they believed in Him.