

Water to Wine

Living the Liturgical Year

John 2:1-11

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

REFLECTION

How did you sense God responding to the prayer we prayed last week? Help me to see the world the way you see it, help my heart break by the things that break your heart, help me not to duck.

This week, we look at the first of Jesus’ miracles. Discuss each theme as we break down the passage:

- V. 1-2:** wedding takes place on the third day: as Easter people we are ready for a new thing to happen.
- V. 3-5:** Mary, a model for discipleship: she doesn’t duck, steps into crisis, saves families from shame.
- V. 5-9:** servants as witnesses: we are invited to join those on outside of society who see Jesus first.
- V. 7-11:** water into wine: vessels represent baptism ritual, wine is symbolic of blood Jesus shed for us.

[This quote by Tim Keller](#) on miracles reminds us how God intends creation to be, and how eternity will look in the end. Jesus restores a celebration of community, with him at the center. **Why is this miracle a powerful reminder for our society, which is regressing in living in this kind of community?**

Lord, help us to become conscious this year of how we shape our time. Help us to re-engage or explore what life together in community looks like. May this wedding feast celebration be part of our story on a regular basis. Amen.