

John 2:1-12 introduces several key themes that unfold throughout Jesus' ministry. **Transformation:** The miracle of turning water into wine symbolises the transformative power of Jesus. Just as water is changed into wine, Jesus brings about spiritual transformation in the lives of believers, replacing the old purification rituals with the new life He offers. **Abundance and Joy:** The provision of wine at the wedding points to the abundant life Jesus offers. Wine, a symbol of joy and celebration, reflects the joy and fullness of life found in the Kingdom of God through Christ. **Obedience and Faith:** Mary's simple yet profound instruction, "Do whatever He tells you," highlights the importance of trust and obedience in Jesus. **Revelation of Jesus' Glory:** This miracle reveals Jesus' divine authority, initiating His public ministry and deepening His disciples' belief in Him.

When have you been embarrassed by something you said or did?

Read John 2:1-12

1. Why was running out of wine a big deal in this cultural context?
2. How does Jesus respond to His mother's statement, "They have no wine"? Why do you think He calls her "Woman" instead of "Mother"?
3. Why does Jesus say, "My hour has not yet come"?
4. How does this phrase connect to the larger theme of "His hour" that appears later in the Gospel of John? See 7:30 and 8:20
5. Mary's response is simple yet powerful: "Do whatever He tells you" (v. 5). What does this reveal about her faith in Jesus?
6. What challenges do we face in trying to live out this same attitude of obedience and trust in Jesus with our own lives?
7. Do you think the obedience of servants to Jesus' instructions contributed to the miracle's outcome? Is there anything we can learn from this?
8. Why do you think Jesus chose to perform this miracle in such a seemingly "ordinary" context, like a wedding?
9. Does this tell us anything about Jesus' concern for everyday life and human joy?
10. What is the significance of Jesus using the stone jars used for ceremonial washing?
11. How does the "best wine" being saved until now mirror the way Jesus reveals His glory throughout the Gospel? See also Psalm 104:14-15. What is the "best wine" that Jesus offers you today?
12. How does the miracle deepen the disciples' faith (v. 11)? Would seeing miracles deepen your faith in Jesus?

Prayer Points

Please continue to pray for Wendy D and the family as the health authorities plan for her future. Pray for Irene K's family.

Praise God for opening a door for BMS to work in Mongolia. Pray that the training of disciple makers will lead to the planting of new churches and new disciples. Pray also for the distribution of 1,000 Bibles, which will enable new disciples to read God's story in their heart language.

Sermon Notes



BIBLE STUDY

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The Perfect Guest:

John 2:1-12

John 1–7 presents key themes that reveal Jesus' identity and mission. Jesus is the eternal Word of God, bringing light and life to a dark world. He calls people to believe in Him for eternal life, but many reject Him despite His miracles and teachings. A central theme is new birth—spiritual transformation through the Holy Spirit. Jesus offers living water and calls Himself the Bread of Life, showing He alone satisfies the soul. These chapters also highlight growing conflict and division, as people respond to Him with belief, confusion, or hostility. Through signs and deep conversations, Jesus reveals His divine nature and the offer of salvation to all, regardless of background or status.

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