

JESUS BRINGS JOY TO A MARRIAGE



John 2 v 1 - 11

Jesus Changes Water to Wine

1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there 2 and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then He told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master

of the banquet."

They did so, 9 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 10 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."

11 This, the first of His miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him.

Something to Do

Fill in the blanks by using words from the story.

1. Jesus' mother said to the servants, "_____ (verse 5)
2. When Jesus told the servants to fill the jars, they filled them "_____ (verse 7)

Obedience is the Key to Joy

Jesus' mother may never have seen Jesus perform a miracle before. But she did know that Jesus would do *something* to help. Now we know that the kind of wine which was used at this marriage was not the kind of wine which would make people drunk. It was not the same kind of wine which people make today. It was a delicious juice made from grapes. How embarrassing to run out!

Perhaps you are a Christian. Have you "run out" of something? Do you run out of patience before the day is done? Is your heart empty of joy or love right now? Jesus can see your need, whatever it is. He wants to bless your life with a miracle! He

does not want you ever to be embarrassed in your Christian life by not having enough joy and peace and love to last through the day. He has promised, "**and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.**" (Romans 9 v 33b). *But there is a secret you must know!* Obedience is the key to blessing. "**Do whatever He tells you.**" When we obey, Jesus can work a miracle. Obeying shows we really trust Him.

If someone has wronged you, have you forgiven that person (Matthew 6 v 14, 15)? Are you laying up treasure in heaven (Matthew 6 v 20)? Perhaps you think you can't give to God's work. But Jesus knows your needs. Trust Him by obeying Him.

"...Test Me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Malachi 4 v 10b)

"Be filled with the Spirit," God says to you today (Ephesians 5 v 18). No Christian can expect to live a life of joy if he does not allow God to fill him with His Spirit each day.

Perhaps you are not a Christian. Perhaps life is boring to you. You, too, can obey the command of Jesus. Come to Him and receive His life - to the brim. He said, "**I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**" (John 10 v 10b)

The servants obeyed *fully*. They did not fill the jars half-full, or almost full. They filled them "to the brim." Obeying God with your whole heart brings joy and blessings. "**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you**

will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Colossians 3 v 23, 24)

Is there something that Jesus has spoken to you about that you should do in obedience to Him? Why not do it today.

When the disciples saw the miracle, their faith grew - they "put their faith

in Him." When you obey God's Word and see God work, your faith will grow, too. Faith is like a muscle in our bodies. It is strengthened by using it, by exercising it. James 2 v 26 "**As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.**" Let us choose to walk by faith each day. "**The righteous will live by faith.**" (Romans 1 v 17)

Editors' Note:- Do you think Jesus would change the water into old wine (fermented) for the people to drink and get drunk? **No** ... Jesus changed the water into fresh wine (grape juice). Jesus wouldn't give you anything old if you asked Him for anything in His Name - He will give you new, fresh things.

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