



LET HIM BE KNOWN

Turning Water Into Wine

WEEK 1

WARM-UP

- What is something nice someone did for you recently?
- Have you ever been to a party where the food or drinks ran out? What happened?
- Tell us about a time you had an urgent need and someone was able to meet it.

WORD *This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.*

JOHN 2:11

(Read also **JOHN 2:1-10.**)

In his account of Jesus' life, John the disciple wrote about seven signs, or miracles, that Jesus used to reveal His glory to His disciples and followers. Jesus' first miracle was at a wedding in Cana, a weeklong event where the food and wine should not run out. At this wedding, however, the host ran out of wine. Jesus, moved by the need He saw, revealed His glory to His disciples for the first time by turning water into wine. Let us look at three qualities of Jesus revealed by this miracle.

1 | The miracle points to Jesus' willingness to meet people's needs.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. JOHN 2:7

When Jesus was told that there was no more wine left, He responded that it was not yet time to manifest His glory. The lack of wine was also not a critical event to anyone except the host, for it would bring great shame to the family. When Jesus turned the water into wine, the only ones who knew were His disciples and the servants, those behind the scenes. Through the miracle, Jesus met a need and revealed His power and concern for people. What do you think may have moved Jesus to respond?

2 | The miracle points to Jesus' abundant grace.

⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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." JOHN 2:9-10

Jesus did not only turn water into wine—He turned it into excellent wine. He went beyond what was expected and upheld the host's honor and hospitality. Even if the wedding was not a critical life-or-death situation, Jesus abundantly met the need before Him. He used the imagery of wine as mentioned by the prophets (Joel 3:18; Amos 9:13-14; Jeremiah 31:12) to show His blessed fruitfulness and

provision. How does this miracle illustrate the grace of God as described in John 1:16?

3 | The miracle points to Jesus' humility.

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Jesus did not seek attention for the miracle in any way. The servants did not tell the master of the feast about the miracle, and the host received the credit for the wine. Turning water into wine at the wedding of Cana was Jesus' first miracle, but He manifested God's glory in the humblest way and only to those behind the scenes. Why do you think Jesus chose to reveal God's glory in this way?

The first sign points to the purpose of all the signs: to manifest the glory of Jesus Christ. The first sign shows us several things: it reveals Christ's power and authority; it shows His concern for people and their needs; and it shows His value for all—even those behind the scenes.

APPLICATION

- Do you believe that Jesus is a miracle worker? Based on the Bible story, what kind of miracle worker is He? How may He have been at work in your own life?
- Jesus' abundant grace is seen in how He meets the needs of the people. What would "abundant grace" look like in your life today?
- Is there a story of Jesus' miracles and grace that you can share with your family members and friends this week? What is that story and how can you share it?

PRAYER

- Thank Jesus for His abundant grace and love that moves Him to work miracles in your life.
- Pray that as you continue to believe in Jesus, you will also continue to see God's glory manifested in your life through miracles.
- Ask God to show His glory to your family members and friends through miracles in your life and in their lives as well. Pray for an opportunity to share God's love and grace with them.



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