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**Wed Night Bible Study**

**JOHN 2:1-11**

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**JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE**

***John 2:1-11 (KJV)   
1  And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:   
2  And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.   
3  And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.   
4  Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.   
5  His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.   
6  And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.   
7  Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.   
8  And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.   
9   When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,   
10  And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.   
11  This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.***

##### Jesus' First Sign ([2:1-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+2%3A1-11))

Jesus' first miracle in the Gospel of John was a private one, known only to His disciples, some servants, and probably Jesus' mother. This turning water into wine was the first of 35 recorded miracles Jesus performed.

[**2:1**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+2%3A1)**. On the third day** probably means three days after the calling of Philip and Nathanael. It would take a couple of days to reach **Cana in Galilee** from Bethany near Jericho of Judea ([1:28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+1%3A28)). **Jesus' mother was there,** but John did not give her name (cf. [2:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+2%3A12); [6:42](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+6%3A42); [19:25-27](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+19%3A25-27)).

[**2:2-3**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+2%3A2-3)**.** When the supply of **wine** was used up, Mary turned to Jesus in hope that He could solve the problem. Did Mary expect a miracle? Mary had not yet seen any miracles done by her Son.

[**2:4-5**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+2%3A4-5)**.** The word **woman** was a polite, kind expression (cf. [19:26](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+19%3A26)). **Why do you involve Me?** Was a common expression in Greek that referred to a difference in realms or relations. Mary had to learn a painful lesson namely, that Jesus was committed to God the Father's will and the time for His manifestation was in the Father's hand. **My time has not yet come,** or similar words occur five times in John. Even though she did not fully understand, she trusted Him.

[**2:6-8**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+2%3A6-8)**.** The water in the **six... water jars** (of **20 to 30 gallons** each) was **used** for Jewish purification rites before and after. **The master of the banquet,** would not know he was drinking from the purification jars.

[**2:9-10**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+2%3A9-10)**.** As **the master of the banquet tasted the... wine,** he found it to be the best. The best **wine** was served **first** and the lesser quality later, he affirmed that this wine, served last, was the **best.** The significance of this miracle is that Christianity (Grace) is an advance over Judaism (Law). God has kept the best gift—His Son—until **now.**

[**2:11**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+2%3A11)**.** The significance of the miracle was explained by John as a manifestation of Christ's **glory.** In contrast with the ministry of Moses who turned water into blood as a sign of God's judgment ([Ex. 7:14-24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+7%3A14-24). The first miracle—a transformation—pointed to the kind of transforming ministry Jesus would have (cf. [2 Cor. 5:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Co+5%3A17)). The **disciples put their faith in Him.** At this point they did not understand His death and resurrection ([John 20:8-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+20%3A8-9)) but they did know His power.