

REBOOT



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SERVANTS,
"WHATEVER HE
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DO IT."
JOHN 2:5

NEW WINE

WEEK ONE

1. JESUS LOVES A WEDDING CELEBRATION

Read and discuss John 2:1-11 NASB <http://bible.com/100/jhn.2.1-11.nasb>

Especially take time to discuss of Mary's comment to the servants about her Son: His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

KEYPOINT

How liberating to realise that Jesus attends this wedding... and blesses it so profoundly. By contrast, chat about what it might have been like if John the Baptist had attended the wedding? Discuss the difference between Jesus and the message of the Old Testament...

2. Jesus ushers in a New Season with New Wine- Read and discuss John 2:6-8

KEYPOINT

It is no coincidence that the very first miraculous sign Jesus performs is this one... changing a social disaster into the most notable of weddings.

So why does John the Apostle make such a big deal out of it:

- A. Jesus is now ready to begin His prophetic and Messianic leadership and ministry.
- B. He has never performed any Signs until now, and He is now ready since He had been baptised in water and the power of the Holy Spirit, and come through a major season of testing in the wilderness. This sign is to show who He is and what the heart of God is like...God loves weddings especially because in the long run, we are all being invited to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb in heaven...the most extravagant Table in the Universe.
- C. Jesus literally takes the waterpots used for religious purification and makes them both redundant as purifiers, and also useful as vessels of New Wine, which is a symbol of the New Kingdom and New Covenant between God and Mankind. What were empty vessels literally become full to overflowing with the best wine ever tasted at a human wedding.

Merrill Tenney states about this miracle:

“The combined capacity of the waterpots was about 150 gallons. Reckoning a half pint to a glass, these vessels would contain about 2400 servings of wine—certainly enough to supply a large number of people for several days. In quality and quantity the new-made wine more than satisfied the needs and taste of those who attended the feast. Discuss the significance of the miracle:

DISCUSSION POINT

Jesus would become known as a friend of gluttons and drunkards.
Why was this a compliment?

3. Jesus saves the Best Wine until last
Read and discuss John 2:9-11:

KEYPOINT

Jesus turns a social disaster into a triumph...very few weddings have ever been so revered. And he places no limits on His Provision. In fact, He over-abundantly supplies their needs. We learn the following about Jesus in this sign:

- A. He is our Provider

- B. He is the source of a New Covenant...one in which religion is removed, and human help and actions cannot supply either joy or purity. It's liberating to believe in the One sent to us...

- C. He is Supernatural beyond Human capacity

CONCLUSION

JESUS POURS NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS

He provides new for old in every way

Jesus is happy to break the old natural rules of human limitations

Jesus takes away our anxiety about Provision and replaces it with the FREEDOM that Faith brings.

Jesus, in his very first miracle, teaches us to believe for More in life