



# HIT RESET

## Jesus: God's Answer to Our Disappointment

### INTRODUCTION

John 2:1-12

*Why did the wine run out at the Cana wedding (John 2:1–12)? Did the hosts plan unwisely? Did uninvited guests turn up and exceed their capacity? Did they run short of funds to provide enough wine?*

*The Bible doesn't tell us, which is a mercy. Because whether it was a failure of human wisdom, strength, or resources — all familiar failures to us — there was a need that the human hosts could not meet.*

*But unknown to the hosts, the Lord of hosts was a guest at this wedding, veiled in flesh. Mary knew, though, and she knew that he was able to make all grace abound so that there would be all sufficiency to meet this need (2 Corinthians 9:8). So she informed her son, the Lord, about the need and glorious grace flowed freely.*

*But the glory that Jesus manifested at this wedding was more than his omnipotent authority over nature. For those who could see it that day, a deeper, brighter glory of the Triune God's abounding, all-sufficient love for foolish, weak, sin-impoorished people blazed forth.*

*Out of Jesus' fullness the wedding guests received grace upon grace (John 1:16). They drank the very best earthly wine ever created, made by the Creator of grapes himself. But more than that, the wine they drank freely was a foretaste of the gospel.*

*Jesus knew the time for making the real gospel wine of Calvary had not yet come (John 2:4). But this wedding wine, poured out of vessels of purification, foreshadowed that best of all wines, which would be served after humans had done their sinful insufficient best to meet their needs and failed. This wine would flow freely with infinite abundance from the purest Vessel of all time for the greatest wedding of all time.*

*That's why when you run out of "wine" today, when you fail in wisdom, power, or resources, or fail to meet the righteous requirement of God's law, or fail to love the Lord with all your heart, you need not fear. Jesus, your Lord, your Groom, the Master of the Great Wedding feast, has infinite power and infinite love and is "able to make all grace abound to you so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).*

*Trust him. Jesus will provide the wine you need. Just do whatever he tells you.<sup>1</sup>*

#### Prefer to type your answers?

This study allows you to do that. Just make sure that you save the PDF to your device and open it in Acrobat Reader or a similar PDF program. If you open the study guide in your web browser (Chrome, Safari, Edge) you probably won't be able to save your answers!

<sup>1</sup> Devotional by Jon Bloom found @ <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/jesus-will-provide-the-wine>

## *OPEN IT*

1. **What was the best wedding you ever attended? Who was it for and what made it so great?**

## *READ IT*

**John 2:1-12**

## *EXPLORE IT*

2. **Who all got invited to this wedding?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. **What problem emerged as the party continued on and what did Jesus do to alleviate the problem?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. **What was the response of the master of the feast?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. **How did this sign impact the disciples?**

# APPLY IT

## “All I Need Is A Miracle”

*We live in a time captivated with supernatural things. Have you ever noticed how many TV programs, movies and literature deal with it? Of course. This preoccupation is nothing new. Our society seems to be curious about the realm beyond our senses. What if the supernatural isn't just the topic of the latest page turning best seller? What if we are actually living within two worlds: the physical that we see and the supernatural that is just beyond us.*

*The Bible says that we in fact do live in two worlds, and within this fourth gospel, John gives us a glimpse into them. He presents our Savior as more than just a man. He was supernatural. John arranged the first part of his narrative around seven supernatural signs (or miracles). He wanted his readers, both then and now, to believe that Jesus was more than a carpenter and great teacher. He was the Son of God. In Jesus there is the gate and door to the miraculous. It is Jesus who welcomes us into a life that is supernatural.*

*Over the next seven weeks we'll look at each of these signs (miracles) and what they reveal about Jesus' identity and power. You will also discuss what it looks like to experience God's power and how it can make a real difference in your life. It is through these that we learn Jesus is the answer that takes our dead ends and turns them into divine opportunities.*

**6. Why is our society so infatuated with the supernatural and superpowers? What does this tell us about what we lack and what we long for?**

**7. What extremes regarding miracles can Christ followers fall into? What can be missed as a result of each of these approaches? What is the proper balance that must be found?**

## **“Too Many Friends??”**

*This is the first of many stories suggesting that Jesus was always welcome among those having a good time. Jesus didn't spoil the good time, and in the Jewish culture of that day a wedding was the best party of all.<sup>2</sup>*

**8. Jesus (who was God in flesh) found a balance between remaining pure and above reproach while enjoying good times with others. How well do you do this and why is such a balance so important?**

**9. This may not be the best time to ask this question - Who are some of the believers and non-believers that you like to hang out with? What do you like to do when you get together?**

**10. Jesus would be confronted numerous times by the religious leaders for attending and even enjoying parties. Why do so many religious people equate a party with sin? Do you think this connection is valid?**

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<sup>2</sup> Study Notes by David Guzik found @ <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/john-2/>

## **“Beautiful Day”**

*The first miracle that John records is Jesus’ first miracle that is recorded in the Scriptures. It comes on the heels of Jesus calling six of his disciples to follow him. All of this took place in the region of Galilee. While we don’t know the connection, we do know that it didn’t take long for an invitation to come for Him and His disciples to attend a wedding. In the first century, weddings often lasted for many days and it was a community event. So, for something to go wrong at such an important event would be embarrassing and shameful. And yet that is exactly what took place at this wedding. The wine ran out, and no one knew what to do to alleviate the problem.<sup>3</sup>*

- 11. While we don’t know the connection that brought about the invitation, we know Jesus was not a wedding crasher. Far too often we invite Jesus into our trials because we need him but are hesitant to invite him into our celebrations and successes of life. Why is it important for Jesus to be invited into all occasions of life? What happens when he isn’t invited in the good times?**

## **“Why Me?”**

*Mary did not tell Jesus what to do; she simply reported the problem. (Compare the message of Mary and Martha to Jesus when Lazarus was sick—John 11:3.) Jesus’ reply seems a bit abrupt and even harsh, but such is not the case. “Woman” was a polite way to address her (John 19:26; 20:13), and His statement merely means, “Why are you getting Me involved in this matter?” He was making it clear to His mother that He was no longer under her supervision (it is likely that Joseph was dead), but that from now on, He would be doing what the Father wanted Him to do. There had been a hint of this some years before (Luke 2:40–52).<sup>4</sup>*

- 12. What are your thoughts regarding the conversation between Jesus and Mary? What can we learn from it when it comes to our interactions with Jesus?**

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<sup>3</sup> Study notes by Tim Badal

<sup>4</sup> Wiersbe, Warren W.. The BE Series Bundle: The Gospels: Be Loyal, Be Diligent, Be Compassionate, Be Courageous, Be Alive, and Be Transformed (The BE Series Commentary) . David C Cook. Kindle Edition.

**13. Mary brings the problem to Jesus right away. What do we often do instead? Why do we do these things instead of taking it to Him?**

*Jesus tells her, “My hour has not yet come” (v. 4). As we travel through the Gospel of John, the “hour” Jesus refers to guides our journey. In chapter 7 John adds this note: “Then they tried to seize him. Yet no one laid a hand on him because his hour had not yet come” (7:30). We find a similar statement in chapter 8. At the end of chapter 12, after Jesus has made his final, triumphal entry into Jerusalem and he is preparing to lay his life down as the perfect Passover lamb, he says to his disciples, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (12:23). The hour is the time of his suffering and death. The hour is the pinnacle of human history, when the perfect Son of God became sin for us so that we might be made righteous. The hour is the reason Jesus came to earth. He came to offer his life on the cross for our sin. He was born for the hour. He was born to die. If you combine this statement about his “hour” with an understanding of his purpose to do his Father’s will, you’ll see early on that Jesus came for a greater and grander purpose than even his mother or disciples realized at the time.<sup>5</sup>*

**14. What does Jesus mean when he says “My hour has not come”? What can we learn about prioritizing our time according to what God wants instead of what people around us desire?**

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<sup>5</sup> Carter, Matt. Exalting Jesus in John (Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary) . B&H Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

## **“I’ll Be There For You”**

*In spite of his mild rebuke, Mary is confident Jesus could and would do something (v. 5). She demonstrated faith—a willingness to leave it in his hands, confident that whatever he said and did was best. Wow, was she right! He makes the servants fill six large, stone water jars (each of which held between twenty and thirty gallons) to the brim (vv. 6-7). This was no trick by a magician; there was no room left to slip something into the jars. Clear water was pulled from the well, poured into each pitcher until it reached the top, and when water was scooped from the pot, it was no longer water but wine. No hocus-pocus. No waving the hands. Without any outward sign Jesus is able to transform one substance into another.<sup>6</sup>*

**15. Mary shows an incredible virtue. Even though she had no idea what he would do, she leaves it in the hands of Jesus. What situation or circumstance do you need to hand over to Jesus?**

**16. According to verse 11, the purpose of Jesus’ miracle wasn’t simply to save a family from embarrassment but to display His glory. What aspects of Christ’s glory does this miracle reveal to you?**

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*This miracle seems to be pretty small in comparison to the other ones he would perform. There was no healing the sick, casting out a demon or any raising of the dead that night. This miracle did not radically change the trajectory of someone's life. Jesus saved the reputation and standing of a family in Galilee. As a result it is easy to quickly move beyond this miracle to the more life changing ones. Before you do though, realize an all important truth. Jesus sympathized with what was taking place and sought to alleviate a family that was facing a major disappointment and disgrace. Through this miracle we recognize afresh that God cares for us, even down to the minute details of our lives. He knows us and wants to be our Provider. The size and scope of our problems and needs do not matter. It's a need, and He sees it and is concerned about it.<sup>6</sup>*

**17. How does knowing that God is concerned with both big and small aspects of your life change the way you walk and talk with him?**

*Some of you may be like these water pots: empty or only partially full with the water of religion, but you're lacking the joy of knowing Jesus as your Savior from sin and judgment. The solution is to believe in Him as your Savior and Lord. Others of us may have believed in Christ as Savior, but are not experiencing the abundant joy of the salvation He has given to us. We need to see more of His glory so that we believe in Him again and again.<sup>7</sup>*

**18. Through this miracle Jesus answered the disappointment of two groups of people: the family that needed drinks for the party and the disciples who needed deliverance from sin. One was temporal and the other eternal. In what ways can Jesus bring joy back into these two areas? What can you do to be well positioned for this joy?**

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<sup>6</sup> Study notes by Tim Badal

<sup>7</sup> Sermon excerpt by Steve Cole found @ <https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-10-joyous-salvation-jesus-brings-john-21-11>  
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