**READ John 2:1-11**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 “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “**My hour 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 **What Jesus did** here in Cana of Galilee was **the first of the signs** through which **he revealed his glory**; and **his disciples believed in him**.

If you look around you can find a myriad of ideas addressing what different people think is the point of this 1st miracle that John records. Here are some:

1. It’s about **transformation**

* As drastic is the change from water to wine so is the transformation Jesus does in us

1. It’s about **Abundance**- Jesus did 500-600 litres of wine!

* 6 servings/litre (5 ounces)
* Over 3,000 servings

1. It’s about, “**Nothing** is **impossible**with God”
2. It’s about **Jesus**providing a **solution**even **before**the couple knew they had a problem!
3. It’s about “**Saving** the **best**for **last**” - is that like heaven for us? (The Best is Yet to Come)
4. It’s about **symbolism**:

* The **wine**(blood), the **water**(ritual cleansing), the **jar**(transformation), the **3rd day**(resurrection), the**6 jars,**the Wedding **feast**, simply a set-up for John 4 - Jesus says he gives “**living water**”

1. It’s about, “Is **Jesus invited**to your **Party**?”

What does John actually say about this?

**READ John 2:11** **What Jesus did** here in Cana of Galilee was **the first of the signs** through which **he revealed his glory**; and **his disciples believed in him**.

What term does John use instead of “miracle”?

* Why do you think he uses the term, “sign”?
* What is the purpose of a sign?
  + What does John write that he is trying to accomplish with this “sign”?
  + How did the disciples respond?
  + What response should we have?

How did this event reveal Jesus’ glory and lead his disciples to believe in him?

* What does “reveal Jesus’ glory” mean?
* How did what Jesus did reveal his glory?
  + What did he display about himself when he turned the water to wine?

What Does that Mean?

* If Jesus can do that, who is he, what is he?

How Should I Respond?

* How did the disciples respond?
  + Is that the proper response?
  + What else can we do in response?

**Mary’s Words / Words to Live By:** “Do whatever he tells you.”

* Remember what just happened:

**Mary**said "We're out of wine.” **Jesus** replied, “It’s not my time.”  **Mary** told the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”  Then **Jesus** instructed them to fill the jars with water and take some out and give it to the master of the banquet.

* **Why**would Mary say, “**Do whatever he tells you”**?
  + Who do you think Mary thought Jesus was when she asked him to do something at this wedding?
  + Why did she ask him to step in?
  + How did Jesus respond?
    - Initially?  Eventually?

**Consider the Outcomes of Obedience:**

1. **Common Obedience Leads to Uncommon Results**

* Did Jesus ask the servers to perform the miracle?
  + How would you characterize what Jesus requested of them?
  + Would you say that they got to participate in Jesus’ miracle?

1. **When You Follow Jesus, You Get to See Jesus Work**

* By obedience, what did the servants get to see?

1. **Life with Jesus is Full**

* READ John 10:10 - I have come that you might have life to the full…
* What does “full” mean?  How did Jesus come for this?

1. **What Jesus does is the best**

* What did Jesus do?
* How was it different from any solution that someone else would come up with?