

051020 Growth Group Study

When Jesus is Invited

John 2:1-12



Background: Up until this point in John's gospel, Jesus has been mostly moving around privately, gathering his team of followers. This week, in chapter two, the curtains get drawn back, and God enters the public stage. And, where does he make himself known first? At a wedding celebration. So, what happens when Jesus is invited to a wedding (or into anything in life)? Come and see!

Sermon Text (ESV):

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1 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. 9 When 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 10 and

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.”

11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. 12 After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions
 - In our/your culture, what type of situation could lead to a huge personal or family embarrassment, like running out of wine at a wedding in 1st century Judea?
 - Shawn said the rabbis would say “without wine there is no joy”. Fill in the blank for yourself: “without _____ there is no joy”. What brings you the most joy?
 - Jesus’s 1st miracle was extraordinary, and extraordinarily abundant. But it was done without fanfare, only the servants saw it happen, and the (wrong) bridegroom got the praise... What does this teach you about Jesus?
 - Shawn’s Sermon Implications:
 - Abundant Hope: how does this miracle bring you hope in your current circumstances?
 - Invite Jesus In: where do you need to invite Jesus into your life?
 - Do Whatever He Says: in what situation(s) do you need the Spirit’s help to simply obey what Jesus is already telling you?