

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 63. Jesus changes water into wine



**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.' 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.' They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 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.' 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.

**LOOKING FURTHER:** John 4:1-26

### What does this Bible passage tell us?

This passage shows us the amazing generosity of God. It is a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, "On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines" (Isaiah 25:6)

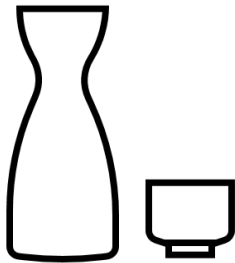
In the time of Jesus, whole villages would have been invited to a wedding. It was a major social disaster for the wine to run out. Jesus' mother goes to Him with the problem; she has faith that He will do something about it and says to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." They do as He says; the stone jars are huge and they fill them to the brim. Jesus turns the water into wine - the best wine. What an incredible party!

Only the servants, Jesus' disciples and His mother know what has happened. It is hidden from the others. This leads the disciples to put their faith in Him, knowing that Jesus has shown He is the Son of God. Jesus came that we may have life and have it abundantly. He longs to fill us with grace through His Holy Spirit, so that we are filled to the brim. As we accept this amazing gift, we will find that God's grace spills over bringing life to others.

### Reflections:

- Reflect on the amazing generosity of God and give thanks and note down positive things which have happened this week.
- Jesus' mother says, "Do whatever He tells you." Through prayer, reading our Bibles and listening to services, God can help us with our problems. Note down anything which is worrying you and pray about it, seeking appropriate help.
- At Prison Fellowship, we continue to pray and support you through *Prayer Line*, please join us in prayer that God's grace will continue to bring life in all its abundance to everyone.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

