

TITLE AND NUMBER: 220 Jesus turns water into wine



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES: 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 20:24-29

What does the Bible passage tell us?

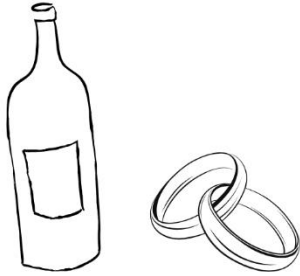
What does it take for us to believe in Jesus? Sometimes there can be a great deal of evidence. But we either don't want to - or are not ready to - admit that He must be who He says He is. When the disciples first met Jesus, they knew He was someone very different. They were intrigued. In chapter 1, Nathanael came to follow Jesus because He told Nathanael things about himself that nobody could have known. He immediately said, 'You are the Son of God.' This was his proof.

When Jesus came to Cana, He was just attending a wedding with his family. Nobody knew that He was the Messiah, waiting to redeem the world. But Mary knew. When the wine ran out and she wanted to save the family from the shame of not providing for their guests, she asked Jesus to solve the problem. She knew exactly who He was, and that nothing was impossible for Him. She told the servants, 'Whatever He says to you, do it!' Don't question it, just obey. They did, and the water became wine in the waterpots – not only basic wine, but the best wine. Verse 11 says it 'revealed His glory; and the disciples believed in Him.' It took a miracle for them to believe. It takes a miracle for us to believe, too. Sometimes, God just meets us Himself, and we instantly know that He is real. Sometimes, we have to be introduced by someone else. Sometimes, we have to see or feel the proof – like Thomas (see story in John 20). God never stops trying to meet us and show us His glory, so that like Nathanael we can say, 'You are the Son of God!' And that is a miracle.

Reflection

Look up John 14:16-17 and 26 and Galatians 5: 22-23. Spend some time reflecting on the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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.

