

Knowing Jesus

Series: The Gospel of John

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Scripture

John 2:1-25 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; [2] and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. [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 that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." [5] His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." [6] Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. [7] Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim. [8] And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him. [9] When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom, [10] and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." [11] This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him. [12] After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days. [13] The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14] And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. [15] And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; [16] and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business." [17] His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume me." [18] The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" [19] Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." [20] The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" [21] But He was speaking of the temple of His body. [22] So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken. [23] Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing. [24] But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, [25] and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

Engage

What is the funniest thing you've ever witnessed at a wedding?

Discuss

The Point: Jesus can change you if you will let Him.

1. Do you identify more with Mary or Jesus in this story?
2. Jesus is not known as a miracle worker, so why does Mary approach Him about this potentially embarrassing situation at the wedding?
3. How does Jesus respond to His mother's request?
4. Why do you think Jesus chose this event for His first miracle?
5. What was the result of this miracle in the lives of His new disciples?

6. How is Jesus power exhibited here and for what purpose?
7. What is meant by the word “sign” to describe this miracle?
8. What signs did God use to bring you to Christ?
9. The sellers and money changers were set up to provide sacrificial animals for sale at the temple as a help to Jews from far away. How might this once useful practice have deteriorated into a racket?
10. Why else was Jesus angry (Ps 69:9)?
11. As one of the sellers how would you feel about Jesus actions?
12. As one of the disciples how would you feel about Jesus actions?
13. How is Jesus challenged in verse 18? Why?
14. What effect does His response have on them?
15. Why doesn't Jesus entrust Himself to the crowd in verses 23-25?

Your Next Step

What is the level in your zest for life right now? Empty, full, half full?

What is it that is draining you?

What area seems like stale water in an old jug?

How could Jesus bring celebration back into your life?

A Closing Thought

If you compare your spiritual life to the rooms of a house, which room do you think Jesus might want to clean up; Library-the reading room? Dining room-appetites, desires? Workshop-where you keep your skills? Recreation room- where you hang out after work? Family room-where most of your relationships are lived out? Or Closet-where your hang-ups are?