

Do Whatever He Tells You

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Friend of Jesus / Jesus; Wedding Feast at Cana; Wedding; Jesus' Miracles / John 2:3–5

It seems so peculiar for Jesus to perform his first miracle at a small town wedding feast. Why would this be the first supernatural experience that Jesus did? What can we learn from the story?

Fun Yesterday

Jesus had fun

John 2:1–2 ESV

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

On the Third Day

- Third day after what?

John 1:29 ESV

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

- John the Baptist
 - Proclaimed Jesus

- Lamb of God.
- Everyone understands
 - Messianic Proclamation
- Next Day

John 1:35–37 ESV

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

- Jesus gains
 - first two disciples
 - John
 - Andrew
- By next day
 - 6 Disciples
 - Andrew calls brother
 - Peter

- John calls brother
 - James
- Jesus calls Phillip
 - Phillip call
 - Nathaniel.

John 2:1 ESV

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

- On the 3rd day.
 - Jesus goes from
 - social nobody
 - John's Pronouncement
 - 6 Disciples
 - Established Rabbi
 - Invitation
 - Talk of the town.
- Must understand

- Practically Jesus’
 - home-town.
- Less than 4 miles from
 - nazareth
- Jesus is carpenter
 - runs a shop

They Knew Him

- Not long after
 - in Nazareth
 - at synagogue.

Luke 4:24 ESV

And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

- People knew him...

Matthew 13:55 ESV

Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

- Lot of prejudice.
 - Talk
 - Gossip
 - Carpenter
 - Not Rabbi?
 - Who does He think He is?
- Other may
 - heard stories
 - Good Jesus
 - Miraculous birth

John 2:1-2 ESV

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

- Just Started Public Ministry
 - Near Home-town
 - Newly Rabbi

- People watching
 - People judging.
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- Mother there
 - involved in hospitality.

Hey, Can I Get More Wine

John 2:3 ESV

When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”

- Honor / Shame Society
 - Public Status
 - Public Respect
 - Corporate View
 - Honored / Shamed
- Wedding Feast
 - extremely important
 - last long time

- expectations
- even for poor

- Expectations
 - complex lengthy engagement
 - dowry
 - bartering
 - Built Room
 - Adulthood
 - Big Deal

- Huge Financial Investment
 - Rich or Poor
 - Done Big

- Run out of Wine
 - Considered
 - very shameful.

- Mary
 - involved in hospitality team
 - knows family well
 - Sees Jesus starting
 - Tells Him
 - Seeks help.
- Jesus' Response

John 2:4 ESV

And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”

Not My Time

- We surprised.
 - this repose.
- Disrespectful?

“Woman”

- Our society
 - “woman”
 - very disrespectful
- Opposite then
 - “woman”
 - very respectful.

“Hour has Not Yet Come

- Why does he
 - say that
 - then perform
 - a miracle?
- Is it His time?
 - Or not?
- I’d like to suggest
 - explanation.

- Most people,
 - including Mary,
 - confused about
 - Messiah's Purpose.

- Jesus' 1st Coming
 - Suffering Servant

- Jesus' 2nd Coming
 - Conquering King

- They wanted Him to
 - come as the
 - conquering king.

- It wasn't time for that.

- In spite of word's
 - "Not My Time"

- Mary says:

John 2:5 ESV

His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

“Do Whatever He Tells You.”

- Is she melding?
 - Kinda
 - but
 - these words
 - “do whatever he tells you”
- She leaves ball
 - in Jesus court.
 - Miracles
 - Nothing
 - Anything.
- Mary walks away

- in faith
 - praying.
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- Wanting to
 - force Jesus' hand
 - but allowing him
 - to do anything.

The Miracle

[John 2:6-9](#) (ESV)

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants,

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“Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it.

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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)...

- What I love
 - Jesus repeatedly does this.

- What point
 - does the miracle occur?

- John is not explicit
 - but seems to be
 - while servants
 - walking to master.

- Imagine
 - being the servant.

- “Do what he tells you.”
 - ok...
 - Put water...

- Ummm Jesus
 - we have water
 - we need wine...

- Did it anyway,
 - didn't ask questions.

- Draw some out
 - give to master...

- Imagine
 - servant is scared...
 - this is water...
 - What will he say?

- While walking
 - While giving...

- Other stories

- Parting of Jericho
 - Priest feet
 - in water.

- Why Jesus do this?
 - Matter of faith.
 - Trust
 - Obey
 - regardless.

- You can bet
 - that servant
 - follower of Jesus.

Maybe you need

miracles in

your life...

Jesus doesn't

fix all wedding problems.

Jesus does

expect you to

step out in faith.

- Continue Story

[John 2:9-10](#) (ESV)

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),

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the master of the feast called the bridegroom 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."

The Best Wine!

- Love this.
 - Jesus does a miracles
 - not halfway.

- Leprosy
 - Baby skin
- Withered Hand
 - strong hand
- Blind
 - 20-20
- No Wine
 - best wine

“Wine”

- Complex Word

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- Multiple Definitions
 - Fermented Wine:

Ephesians 5:18 ESV

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

Proverbs 20:1 ESV

Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler,

and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

Proverbs 23:35 ESV

“They struck me,” you will say, “but I was not hurt;

they beat me, but I did not feel it.

When shall I awake?

I must have another drink.”

- Un-fermented Grape Juice

[Isaiah 65:8](#) (ESV)

Thus says the LORD:

“As the new wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,

for there is a blessing in it...

Some Quotes

Desire of Ages Chapter 15—At the Marriage Feast

The wine which Christ provided for the feast, and that which He gave to the disciples as a symbol of His own blood, was the pure juice of the grape.

Desire of Ages (Chapter 15—At the Marriage Feast)

It was Christ who in the Old Testament gave the warning to Israel, “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” Proverbs 20:1.

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And He Himself provided no such beverage. Satan tempts men to indulgence that will becloud reason and benumb the spiritual perceptions, but Christ teaches us to bring the lower nature into subjection. His whole life was an example of self-denial.

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In order to break the power of appetite, He suffered in our behalf the severest test that humanity could endure. It was Christ who directed that John the Baptist should drink neither wine nor strong drink. It was He who enjoined similar abstinence upon the wife of Manoah.

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And He pronounced a curse upon the man who should put the bottle to his neighbor’s lips. Christ did not contradict His own teaching. The unfermented wine which He provided for the wedding guests was a wholesome and refreshing drink. Its effect was to bring the taste into harmony with a healthful appetite.

- Hopefully,
 - that settles
 - that question.

First Miracle

[John 2:11-12](#) (ESV)

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

- Why would this be Jesus first Miracle?
- Create Faith
 - in his new disciples
 - in his mother
 - in people who knew him
 - not just carpenter
 - save from shame

- celebrate marriage
- celebrate life

- To be religious
 - don't have to
 - be grumpy!!!

Desire of Ages (Chapter 15—At the Marriage Feast)

The ministry of Christ was in marked contrast to that of the Jewish elders. Their regard for tradition and formalism had destroyed all real freedom of thought or action. They lived in continual dread of defilement.

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To avoid contact with the “unclean,” they kept aloof, not only from the Gentiles, but from the majority of their own people, seeking neither to benefit them nor to win their friendship. By dwelling constantly on these matters, they had dwarfed their minds and narrowed the orbit of their lives. Their example encouraged egotism and intolerance among all classes of the people.

- Some Christians
 - think that
 - you can't have fun.
 - it would be sin!

- Jesus was not like that!
 - I want to be like Jesus.
 - Perfectly balance.

Desire of Ages Chapter 15—At the Marriage Feast

Jesus reproved self-indulgence in all its forms, yet He was social in His nature. He accepted the hospitality of all classes, visiting the homes of the rich and the poor, the learned and the ignorant, and seeking to elevate their thoughts from questions of commonplace life to those things that are spiritual and eternal. He gave no license to dissipation, and no shadow of worldly levity marred His conduct; yet He found pleasure in scenes of innocent happiness, and by His presence sanctioned the social gathering.

- We need to
 - have fun
 - be with people
 - celebrate positive

Appeal

- Today,
 - Be Like Christ!

- Let us celebrate
 - Sabbath
 - Fellowship
 - Life
 - Christ in us.