

**January 16, 2022, Scripture:** John 2:1-11 **Title:** Jesus' First Miracle

**Introduction:** Today, we are going to hear about Jesus's invitation to a wedding ceremony in Cana of Galilee. It is interesting that Jesus' first recorded miracle in John's Gospel, is the turning of water into wine.

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**Two questions:**

1. **Why did Jesus turn water into wine?**
2. **Why did John specifically record it?**

We know that John had a lot of material to draw from. But he gives his reason for his final selection of stories used in the chapter of his Gospel.

"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, & that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:30-31

**why Jesus turn water into wine:**

1. **Compassion:** This miracle shows us that Jesus is compassionate. He got the married couple out of a social disaster.

2. **Covenantal:** On a deeper level in the turning of water into wine is covenantal. It represents the new covenant that Jesus was ushering in.

Those at the wedding feast would know their Old Testament scriptures well, and they would know that an abundance of wine symbolized the arrival of God's new age.

"The time is surely coming says the Lord when the mountains shall drip with sweet wine and the hills shall flow with it; when my people shall plant vineyards and drink their wine ." Amos 9:13, 14.

"On this mountain the Lord will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of well-aged wines strained clear...This is the Lord for whom we have waited. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." Isaiah 25: 6-10.

3. **Confidence:** Jesus wanted to develop confidence about Himself in his disciples so that they could have faith in him.

"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." John 2:11

**Conclusion:** What can we learn from this miracle today?

1. We have to invite Jesus to participate in the events of our lives. If this sermon teaches us anything, it tells us that Jesus chose to participate in the common, routine, and everyday events.

“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Acts 10:36 NIV

2. Jesus is at the wedding by invitation. We are not told who was get married but Jesus was invited to the wedding. That means Jesus needs to be included in all we are and in all we do. If we are truly His, then Jesus has a right to access everything in our lives.

“Call me and I will answer you...” Matthew 7:7-11, Jeremiah 33:3