

Signs of the Son of God The First Sign: Water to Wine John 2:1-12 Steve Holdaway, LifeSpring Church 04.17.16

## John 2 ESV

1 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> 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, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> 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), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

"Scripture portrays wine both as a blessing....and as an emblem of violence, corruption, or wickedness incurring divine wrath. In...Jesus' day, three kinds of wine were in use: fermented wines, which were mixed in the proportion of two or three parts water to one of wine; new wine, made of grape juice (similar to cider, not fermented); and wines in which, by boiling the unfermented grape juice, the process of fermentation had stopped and the formation of alcohol prevented." Zondervan Bible Background Comm.

1 Cor. 8:9 Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

Prov. 20:1 Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.

Eph. 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

## No need is too small to take to God. God still performs miracles, but most are through people.

Read this week: John 2:13-25 Online resources: BibleHub.com; Crosswalk.com; YouVersion.com LifeGroup Study Guide Signs of the Son of God The First Sign: Water to Wine John 2:1-12

What was the social occasion described in this passage? 1-2

What was the problem that Mary encountered and why did she come to Jesus? 3

What was Jesus response to Mary and what did he mean? 4

What was the purpose of the six water jars? 5

The Lord does not do for us what we can do for ourselves (see also Lazarus, John 11, He told others to roll away the stone and remove the grave clothes.) What did he ask the servants to do and what did He do? 7-8

What was so miraculous (sign) about Jesus turning water into wine?

Who knew about the miracle? What does this miracle say about Jesus? 8-10

According to verse 12 what are three reasons that John included this story in His Gospel?

Why do you think we do not have alcoholic beverages at church and LifeGroup functions?

God still performs miracles today, but what is the most frequent way that He does them? Share your miracles and what you learned about God.

Compare 2:12 to 1:14. In what way did Jesus reveal His glory?