

The Best for Last

John 2:1-12

I. Jesus the Guest (vs. 1-2)

Jesus, His mother, and His disciples invited to a wedding
The invitation of Jesus to this wedding says something about what happens when we invite Jesus into the events of our life.

II. Jesus the Son (vs. 3-5)

A. The situation (vs. 3)

- “they have no more wine”
- 1) social disgrace – dishonor to the family name, breach of etiquette
- 2) symbolic significance – a symbol of joy

Psalm 104:14-15

- 3) economic threat – lawsuit for lack of hospitality

B. The response (vs. 4-5)

- “woman” – an expression of polite distance
- Polite – not a derogatory response
- Distance – **Jesus is saying that His life will not be directed by an earthly mother, but by a heavenly Father**
- “why do you involve me?”
- “my hour has not yet come” – time for His death and resurrection

John 12:23

“Do whatever he tells you” – Mary shakes off his gentle rebuke and expresses her faith.

III. Jesus the Host (vs. 6-12)

A. Filling the jars (vs. 6-8)

“fill the jars” – if the servants shared in the work, they would also share in the blessing.
“to the brim”

B. Tasting the wine (vs. 9-12)

“saved the best till now”

For the people of God, the best is always yet to come.

When Jesus changed the water to wine, He did more than just save the party

1. His purpose in the miracle was to manifest His glory.
2. The empty water jars represent a shift from external religious rites to an internal, spiritual transformation through Jesus.
3. Moses’ first miracle was a sign of judgment. Jesus’ first miracle was a sign of His grace.
4. The world’s joy always runs out, but the joy that Christ gives is ever new, ever satisfying, ever full.
5. The wine is like a relationship with God under the New Covenant
6. By changing water into wine, Jesus was hinting at the coming of a new age, a new kingdom (**Isaiah 25:6-9**)
7. Jesus came to address the inadequacy of our circumstances by overcoming the inadequacies of our remedies.