

## Gospel of John 2:1 – 12

New American Standard Version

1 On the third day there was a wedding in  
2 Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus  
3 was there; and both Jesus and His disciples  
4 were invited to the wedding. When the wine  
5 ran out, the mother of Jesus \*said to Him,  
6 "They have no wine." And Jesus \*said to  
7 her, "Woman, what does that have to do  
8 with us? My hour has not yet come." His  
9 mother \*said to the servants, "Whatever He  
10 says to you, do it." Now there were six  
11 stone waterpots set there for the Jewish  
12 custom of purification, containing twenty or  
13 thirty gallons each. Jesus \*said to them,  
14 "Fill the waterpots with water." So they  
15 filled them up to the brim. And He \*said to  
16 them, "Draw *some* out now and take it to  
17 the headwaiter." So they took it *to him*.  
18 When the headwaiter tasted the water  
19 which had become wine, and did not know  
20 where it came from (but the servants who  
21 had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter  
22 \*called the bridegroom, and \*said to him,  
23 "Every man serves the good wine first, and  
24 when *the people* have drunk freely, *then he*  
25 *serves the poorer wine; but you have kept*  
26 *the good wine until now.*" This beginning of  
27 *His* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and  
28 manifested His glory, and His disciples  
29 believed in Him. After this He went down to  
30 Capernaum, He and His mother and *His*  
31 brothers and His disciples; and they stayed  
32 there a few days.

***Read through the entire passage once, then read again and answer the following:***

*What facts do you learn about the mother of Jesus?*

*What facts do you learn about Jesus? If all you knew was what John had written so far, what impressions would you have?*

*What do you make of Jesus' reply in lines 7-8? Later He did what she asked. How does that affect your understanding of that reply?*

*Who knew about the miracle (the "sign")? Who didn't know? How might (or did) those in each group react? (Think about the talk among the servants, and among the wedding guests, or the groom and the waiter).*

*How did this episode "manifest His glory" (and what does that mean) if hardly anyone knew about what happened?*

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*Questions for further thinking:*

*The passage begins with, "On the third day." What was happening before this? (Context is always important.) Does this have any bearing on the understanding of the passage?*

*Do the math. How much wine did Jesus make? Have you ever seen this kind of extravagance of God in your own life? (Was it extravagant?)*

*What was the mother of Jesus expecting when she reported, "They have no wine" to Jesus? Why did she approach Him this way instead of just asking Him to make more?*

Imagine you are the servant topping off the last jar ("to the brim"). Jesus tells you (apparently immediately, nothing else is recorded) to draw out a sample. What would that have been like? What would you think about Jesus at that point?