

## TURNING WATER INTO WINE

**INTRODUCTION**

What was Jesus' first miracle in the Bible? Scholars tell us that the Lord performed lots of miracles when He was among us that ranged from casting out demons to walking on water but it all began with Jesus turning water into wine in a tiny little village called "Cana" in order to remind us that He cares about people from small places. Christ does not overlook them and we are going to study that today by looking at "4 Stages to this Miracle."

**1). Jesus Goes to the Wedding (verses 1-2).**

He made the time to show up at this humble event and celebrate with the bride and groom which means that, when they laughed, He laughed. When they danced and played, He joined them because Jesus is not a gloomy Savior. He is a joyful one who takes an intense pleasure in the world that He has created.

(Discussion Question: How does this change the way you look at Jesus? Have you always viewed Him as a joyful Savior? Why / Why not?)

**2. The Wine Ran Out (verses 3-5).**

Causing a social catastrophe. Either because of lack of money or planning, the guests drank all the special beverages which led Mary to ask Jesus for help and He agreed because He is compassionate. Not only is He a joyful Savior but He is also one who takes pity on those who are hurting.

(Discussion Question: Why is this attribute of Christ so important and how does it tie into Jesus' later work in the Gospel of John? Can you think of any other times when Jesus was compassionate towards someone?)

### **3. The Miracle Itself (verses 6-10).**

Jesus went on to take the six stone waterpots that were set out for the Jewish custom of purification and He turned their contents into wine. Verse 6 says that there were 20 or 30 gallons in each of them which means that this was a big miracle. It was not small because Jesus is God. He can do whatever He wants, whenever He wants, and nothing can stop Him.

(Discussion Question: What does it mean when it says that the headwaiter told the bridegroom that “you have kept the good wine until now” (verse 10)? How would that have helped the young man’s standing with his future in-laws?)

### **4. The Response to the Miracle (verse 11).**

John tells us that the disciples were the only ones who saw the miracle and they believed. It says that “Jesus manifested His glory” to them (verse 11) and, as a result, they put their faith in Him because they that knew this could not be explained away by the laws of science. On the contrary, this was a supernatural act of God.

(Discussion Question: What kind of men were the 12 disciples? Were they gullible and impressionable or were they a shrewd bunch that had been around the block at time or two? How does this shed light on their reaction to this event and the validity of it?)