

Turning Water into Wine

John 2:1-12

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There was a wedding in the village of Cana in Galilee, a few hours' walk from Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. Jesus' mother was there as were Jesus and his disciples. Now it happened that the supply of wine was running out.

Mary said to Jesus, "They don't have any more wine."

He replied, "Mother, is that any of your business, or mine? Look, my time hasn't come yet."

His mother spoke to the servants. "Do whatever he tells you."

There were six prodigious stone water-jars there (used for Jewish ceremonial cleansing); each held twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants, "Fill these jars with water," and they filled them to the brim.

Then he said to them, "Now draw some of the water out and take it to the man in charge of the banquet," which they did.

This man tasted the water, which had been turned into wine. Without knowing where it had come from (though of course the servants who had drawn the water knew), he called out to the bridegroom. "What's this? Every host I've ever known has served the best wine first, and then when everyone has had plenty to drink and doesn't care anymore, then he brings out the cheap stuff. That's the way it usually goes. But you have saved the best wine till now!"

This was the first sign Jesus gave, the first glimpse of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

After the wedding, Jesus went to stay for a few days in Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee. His mother, his brothers, and his disciples went with him.