

Introduction:

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John write the various accounts of Jesus life, ministry, and teaching in their respective Gospel. All have the aim of showing the readers who Jesus is. Their rich and noble desire of helping their readers to acknowledge Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.

What I personally admire and warms my heart about these men, their gospels is a testimony to the identity of Jesus; Today, we are examining the text from John 2:1-12, which is the account of the wedding at Cana of Galilee. I have given the title:

Jesus revealed His glory

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we join our prayer with the Psalmist: Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. O Lord, may the words of my lips and the meditations of all our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Connecting:

What the pandemic has revealed is that we are social beings. We enjoy getting together. God created us to have fellowship with Him and each other. I hope you have good memories of your marriage and other good memories of being an invited guest. The couple's joys of hearing the vow being said, the witnesses signing the appropriate paperwork and certificate – then moving to photo and then to the wedding banquet. So much fun and such celebrations: of course, the pandemic has meant some weddings have been placed on hold - nevertheless weddings have always been seen as a grand celebration, for family and friends.

Text:

The wedding at Cana of Galilee was also a family affair for Jesus: ***After (the wedding) this, he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days. (verse 12)***

Jesus, his family and his disciples were all guests. There is no identity of who the marriage feast was for. There is a suggestion it could have been one of His sisters – but of course, this would be only speculation, albeit this suggestion would make sense with Jesus mother raising the issue of no wine to Jesus.

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

Before we jump to Jesus coming to the rescue – have you ever experienced a wedding banquet running out of wine: what comes to mind when I hear this is the sentiment that was captured by slim Dusty in his ballad, a pub with no beer.

As alluded to earlier, we don't know why Mary raised this issue with Jesus, whether it was because it was a sister of Jesus being married, or we don't know for some other reason. And Jesus answer is also puzzling – My hour has not yet come?

Then we read:

⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

The bridegroom's honour had been kept in tack, and more so, as the steward elevated him. Jesus had moved from the stance – Woman, what concern is that to you or me, that the wine had run out – to perform a miraculous sign which not only solved the problem but honoured those whose wedding it was.

Of course, John also gives us the answer:

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Jesus revealed his glory, albeit to the family and his disciples. The turning water into wine, and the best wine, is well known and well known in our society – there have been Hollywood movies, which have used that line, and unnumbered comedians also water to wine.

Yet the water turning to wine isn't the focus of this miraculous sign – the focus was, of course, who could turn water into wine?

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The turning water to wine was a sign revealing the glory, identity of Jesus. John deliberately chooses not to call these events as a miracle but a sign or a miraculous sign. John gives testimony that turning water into wine reveals more about Jesus and his glory.

Resources:

Leon Morris -The Gospel of John – IVP

D A Carson – The Gospel of John – IVP