

A Wedding Feast



John 2:1-11

Here is a short summary of the story of the Wedding Feast in Cana.

In the middle of the wedding feast, all the wine was gone. The mother, Mary, told Jesus there was no more wine. Jesus responded to her and transformed the water in the six stone-water jars into the highest quality wine. It is said the quantity of the miracle was 900 bottles of wine.

Wow! Jesus can do anything when he wishes. And his heart is good and kind. From other parables of Jesus, we know that Jesus will come again to meet the people of God as his bride. The image of Jesus as MY bridegroom is so powerful and so beautiful! Is it real? Yes, it is! It will be your story and my story. You are the one Jesus loves so much.

You and I are betrothed to Jesus. Until we become the pure bride on the last day, Holy Spirit will walk in intimacy and tenderness. You might not believe this truth. However, the love that Jesus has for you is far beyond all your imagination. He laid down his life for you. He sent the Holy Spirit to prepare you as a beautiful bride. He shares all his heavenly inheritance through the Holy Spirit. You received eternal life, which starts already here on Earth in God's peace and joy.

However, most of us were betrayed, humiliated and experienced suspicion, mistrust, and cynicism that might have led us to be self-critical and to depression. You might have been emotionally and mentally traumatized by abusive people. Sometimes you might think utterly worthless about yourself. You might respond to Jesus' love, "Oh, No! It is not my story. I heard it, I know it, but it must be someone else's story!" You might exclude yourself automatically from this beautiful truth! You might have become a being who can't see how precious being you are before God. But, for you, Jesus gave His life. Let this sacrifice of Jesus on the cross not become in vain.

Jesus prepared you as a His bride, whoever you are and wherever you are. But the preparation to make you fit for the King is surprisingly unique. We must prepare ourselves as the bride with purity of heart. What if you say, "Jesus, I want to be your bride, but I have another lover! I love you only half." What is another lover? Wealth, fame, or other worldly pleasures? Or other things that you love more than Jesus? Could this be acceptable? It surely won't. Purity of love is necessary to be the King's bride. All your heart, words, emotion, thoughts should be aligned with Jesus, our glorious King.

Own the love of Jesus. Embrace it as your own today. Jesus wants to share His heaven and His throne with you. The processional music has started. Take the first step. All of heaven is standing to watch. The love of your life awaits you at the altar. Take another step. It's time to say I do. It is time to lift the veil. It is time to let the Lord be the only husband of your soul.

Grace and peace – Pastor Hae-Jeong