

**Enjoying Life in His Name  
Savoring the Glory of the Best Bridegroom  
John 2:1-12**

**John 1:1-3** - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

**John 1:14** - *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**John 1:16** - *For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.*

**John 20:30-31** - *Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*

“That Jesus attended the celebration reveals His ministry to be markedly different than that of His forerunner, John the Baptist (Matt. 11:18–19). Instead of being a voice in the wilderness, Jesus had the more difficult task of mingling socially with the people and ministering to them in their daily activities.” (John 1-11, John MacArthur, p. 78)

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3 responses to a Messiah who cares about what’s happening to you

**I. Celebrate the Glory of Jesus’ Obedience – vv. 1-5**

**A. The ideal setting for joyful celebration - vv. 1-2**

“A wedding was a major social event in first-century Palestine, and the celebration could last as long as a week. Unlike modern weddings, which are traditionally paid for by the bride’s family, the groom was responsible for the expenses of the celebration. The wedding marked the culmination of the betrothal period. During that period, which often lasted for several months, the couple was considered legally man and wife (Matt. 1:18–19 refers to Joseph as Mary’s husband during their betrothal period), and only a divorce could terminate the betrothal (cf. Matt. 1:19). They did not, however, live together or consummate the marriage during that period (cf. Matt. 1:18). On the night of the ceremony (usually a Wednesday), the groom and his friends would go to the bride’s house. They would then escort her and her attendants to the groom’s house, where the ceremony and banquet would be held (cf. Matt. 25:1–10). The whole celebration ended with the actual wedding.” (John 1-11, John MacArthur, p. 77)

“A wedding celebration could last as long as a week, and the financial responsibility lay with the groom (cf. 2:9-10). To run out of supplies would be a dreadful embarrassment in a ‘shame’ culture; there is some evidence it could lay the groom open to a lawsuit from aggrieved relatives of the bride.” (The Gospel According to John, D.A. Carson, p. 169)

**B. Wedding woes that turn our attention to Jesus – v. 3**

**John 2:3** - *When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”*

**John 2:4** - *And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come.”*

**C. Obedience to the Father surpasses family interests (v. 4-5)**

**John 2:4** - *...My hour has not yet come.*

**John 4:23** - *But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.*

**John 8:20** - *These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.*

**John 1:14** - *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**Philippians 2:8** - *Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

**John 2:5** - *His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."*

## **II. Savor the Bounty of the Best Bridegroom**

"Wise is the couple who invite Jesus to their wedding." (Warren Wiersbe)

### **A. Gives abundant provision**

**John 2:6-7** - *Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim.*

**Amos 9:13** - *"Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; when the mountains will drip sweet wine." (cf. also Isa. 25:6, Jer. 31:12, Joel 3:18).*

### **B. Creates new wine from water (v. 8-9)**

**John 2:8-9** - *And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him. When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew)...*

**Luke 1:37** - *For nothing will be impossible with God.*

### **C. Serves better wine bestowing honor (v. 10)**

**John 2:9-10** - *...the headwaiter called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now."*

"It is good to run short that we may be driven to Christ with our necessity." (D. L. Moody)

## **III. Believe the Purpose of Jesus' Sign (vv. 11-12)**

### **A. The first sign of many**

**John 2:11** - *This beginning of His signs...*

**John 21:25** - *And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.*

### **B. To manifest His glory**

**John 2:11** - *This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory...*

**John 1:14** - *...and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

### **C. The disciples believed**

**John 2:11** - *This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.*

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