

**Series: Simply Jesus (9/16/18)**

**Title: The Power & Authority of Jesus**

**Text: (John 2:1-25)**

**Wedding Ceremony in Cana: (Vs 1-11)**

Vs 1a “3rd Day”

Vs 1b “was there”

Vs 2

Vs 3 **CONFLICT BOMB!** Someone dropped the ball

How do you handle it when someone drops the ball?

Gripe, Complain, Cast Blame? Privately Snicker?

***Does this help?***

They think they are SO important...

They always have to be the center of attention.

Who do they think they are?

***The Ones who Showed Up! THATS WHO!***

***Why don't YOU step up?***

Instead of Gripping about those who serve,

***Why don't YOU step up?***

Vs 3-5 Obviously this wedding was someone from Jesus' Childhood.

Maybe a friend of the Family, or even a sister.

In western culture, the Bride/Parents run things.

@ this time, the Groom/Parents ran things.

Either way, this was A Family Obligation: WHY?

Mary was involved. Vs 3

Mary asked her oldest Son Jesus to help. Vs 4

Presume Joseph has passed.

The servants obeyed Mary. Vs 5

Some believe this was Mary asking Jesus for a miracle b/c He had done them in the past.

Catholic Literature ascribe miracles to Jesus in His childhood. There is no record of it.

Also: (Vs 11) says This was the first Miracle.

Mary was asking her Oldest son to help out.

Vs 6 Jesus Steps Up.

6 Pots of Stone:

Not pretty Porcelain, but Clay Terra-cotta.

Not used for drinking, but washing.

Levitical law required people to wash their hands before they ate.

***Maybe you identify with these pots.***

You don't think there is anything special about you.

Common, Everyday, not much to look at!

Filled with the dirt of this world!

(1 Sam 16:7) Jesus does not look at our outside

Jesus is not looking for outer beauty, but inner availability!

***(Vs 7) These pots were Empty, but Jesus commands them to be filled.***

Jesus wants to fill us with Himself!

I, as God's servant, want to pour into you that which I have received from God.

***But You cannot fill that which is already FULL.***

Most people are full of the sin of the World!

Repent! Repent! Repent!

Jesus wants to fill us with Himself!

A Common vessel, with an Uncommon Spirit!

***Repent! Repent! Repent!***

God wants to use you for His Miracle!

(Vs 8) Draw Out! Draw Out!

God wants you to draw out for His Service, that which He had placed in you.

You cannot Give someone what you do not have.

You cannot Teach someone what You Do Not Do!

If you are saved, Say AMEN!

God has placed within you His Spirit!

With His Spirit, He has placed Gifts!

God wants to Draw out of you what He placed into you for His service to Others!

It does not matter that you are a Common Vessel!

What matters is, Are you a Willing Vessel?

(Vs 9) *(but the servants which drew the water knew)*

The servants poured water into the pots.

The servants drew water out of the pots.

The servants obediently delivered the water by Faith to Governor of the Feast.

(Vs 10) In Obedience by Faith, they Miraculously poured out wine.

(Vs 11) This is the First Miracle He performed.

This miracle set the precedence for all other Miracles.

Meet the Immediate Need.

Confirm the Deity of Christ.

Confirm the Message of Christ.

**The Move to Capernaum:** (Vs 12)

We believe Joesph, Mary's husband has passed away.

Jesus was in charge of the family as the oldest Brother

**The Cleansing of the Temple:** (Vs 13-17)

***1st Passover as an Adult***

The scene brought righteous indignation to Jesus.

Temple authorities contracted people to sell animals necessary for the prescribed Levitical sacrifices.

B/c many Jews of the diaspora traveled long distances they did not have access to animals.

What began as a service to pilgrims became a money maker to the Priests.

Also the Law of Moses demanded each male was to pay a Temple tax each year of one-half shekel.

Jews arriving from around the world often did not carry Hebrew coinage.

Bankers were allowed to set up currency-exchange kiosks in the Temple courts for a fee.

What began as a service to pilgrim Jews became a Moneymaker for the Priests.

*“An house of Merchandise”*

(Vs 17) Ps 69:9

### **1st Confrontation with the Jews:** (Vs 18)

Why do you need a sign?

This is Scripture He was Following!

Why do we want a sign?

B/c we want to make sure that we are giving up our pet sins b/c God is making a beg deal out of it.

If God don't make a big deal out of it, I don't see why I have to stop fulfilling the Lusts of my Flesh.

We know what the Bible says about living for God. We are not ignorant of it, we just don't want to fight are flesh and do it!

(Vs 19-22) The Resurrection was a massive Sign of who Jesus is!

### **2nd Passover** (Vs 23-25)

(Vs 23) Purpose for the miracles of Jesus.

*“Many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.”*

However, the following indicates their belief was shallow.

They were impressed by the miracles, but evidently they did not truly turn to Him in repentance and saving faith.

(Vs 24) Jesus did not entrust Himself to them

This illustrates how men may possess a degree of intellectual faith or even temporal faith, born of the hour. (Experiential Faith)

There is a distinction to saving faith in which people entrust their eternal salvation to Jesus Christ.

(Vs 25)

Jesus in His Deity and omniscience knew their hearts. He knew what was in them.

Evidently it was not true saving faith.

Therefore, He did not commit/entrust Himself to them

This may have been them offering to set him as King.

Yet, though many outwardly believed in His name, Jesus knew better.

He therefore turned away. They believed in Jesus, but Jesus didn't believe in them!

***Do you believe in Jesus?***  
Does Jesus Believe in You?

***Do you believe in Jesus?***  
Then Where is the Fruit? (Gal 5:22-23)

Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness,  
Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance.

***Do you believe in Jesus?***  
Then Where is the Denial of the Flesh?

(Gal 5:24-25) *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

***Do you believe in Jesus?***  
Then Where are the Works?  
(Eph 2:10) *We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

(James 2:18-19) *Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

***Do you believe in Jesus?***  
-Does Jesus Believe in You?

**Stop putting your life on Hold, Hoping for a Better Past.**

**Offer yourself today to God's Service as a Common Vessel.**

**Repent, Repent, Repent:  
Empty yourself of Sin & Selfishness.**

**Jesus is not looking for outer beauty,  
but inner availability!**

**Claim Jesus, He has Already Claimed You!**

**Commit to Jesus Fully, Jesus has already Committed to You fully.**