

The Gospel of John
Getting the Party Started - John 2:1-12
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On the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee. Jesus's mother was there, and ² Jesus and his disciples were invited to the wedding as well. ³ When the wine ran out, Jesus's mother told him, "They don't have any wine."⁴ **"What does that have to do with you and me, woman?"** - Jesus asked. **"My hour has not yet come."**

⁵ "Do whatever he tells you," his mother told the servants.

⁶ Now six stone water jars had been set there for Jewish purification. Each contained twenty or thirty gallons.

⁷ "Fill the jars with water," Jesus told them. So they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the headwaiter." - And they did. ⁹ When the headwaiter tasted the water (after it had become wine), he did not know where it came from — though the servants who had drawn the water knew. He called the groom ¹⁰ and told him, "Everyone sets out the fine wine first, then, after people are drunk, the inferior. But you have kept the fine wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his **signs**, in Cana of Galilee. - He revealed his glory, - and his disciples believed in him. ¹² After this, he went down to Capernaum, - together with his mother, his brothers, - and his disciples, and they stayed there only a few days.

Jesus did His miracles to prove that he was sent from God and His work of bringing the Kingdom.

Three questions about Jesus' response to Mary's plea.

1) **Why did Jesus address her as "woman"?**

It was a title of respect.

2) **What did Jesus mean when He asked, "What does that have to do with you and me?"**

A polite reminder the Jesus is taking His directions from His heavenly Father.

3) **Why did Jesus say "My hour has not yet come"?**

Another reminder not to rush Him, because he had other things that He must do.

The large amount of wine Jesus made is a sign of the abundance of God's grace.

The Jews saw wine as a gift of God.

He causes grass to grow for the livestock and provides crops for man to cultivate, producing food from the earth, wine that makes human hearts glad —making his face shine with oil — and bread that sustains human hearts.

Psalms 104:15

Jesus is bringing the "new wine" of the kingdom.

No one tears a patch from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. Otherwise, not only will he tear the new, but also the piece from the new garment will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, it will spill, and the skins will be ruined.

Luke 5:36–37

Jesus gave the wine a new significance—He made it a symbol of His own life-giving blood.

Jesus began His public ministry by drawing attention both to Him and to the new kingdom He was bringing.