



## *Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 5*

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Text: John 2:1-12

### Introduction:

John presents the first of seven “signs” recorded in this gospel account – miraculous signs that point toward the reality of Jesus’ person and work. The power and authority of Jesus, which are shown to be above the laws of nature and physics (and above the rules and regulations of religious worship), reveal something about him – his divine glory! And as the disciples see his glory, their faith is deepened and strengthened, and their lives are changed forever.

### Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week’s message?
2. What do you think Mary came to Jesus when the wine ran out? What was she thinking about? Application: When problems arise, what’s your first response? To run to Jesus, or to seek another solution? What’s the result?
3. What do you make of Jesus’ response to Mary’s request (v. 4)? How does it read to you? Compare it with the same statements in Matt 8:28, Mark 1:24 and 5:7, Luke 4:34 and 8:28. How do those interactions shed light on what Jesus might have meant in John 2:4.

4. Why was it Jesus' *mother* who asked him to "do something?" Why not his disciples? Why not the master of the feast?
  
5. Why did Jesus choose the purification jars? What's the significance of that choice in the eyes of his Jewish friends and followers?
  
6. What was special about the wine Jesus made? Was it second-rate? Application: Have you ever approached discipleship (Jesus-following) like you were giving something up? How might it change your approach to know that the wine Jesus makes is the *best* wine, and that everything that came before it pales in comparison?
  
7. What does it mean that this miracle "manifested" Jesus' glory? How does this relatively obscure and impressive-but-not-that-impressive-in-the-grand-scheme-of-things miracle reveal the glory that was previously hidden? Application: Have you been prone to overlook Jesus' glory because it was revealed in ways you weren't expecting and/or didn't appreciate? How?
  
8. What was the disciples' response to this miracle? What does it mean that they "...believed in him." Didn't they *already believe* in him? What was different? Application: Do you believe in Jesus in this way? All the time?
  
9. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?