

# SIGNS

## THE SEVEN MIRACULOUS SIGNS OF JESUS

### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS (Part I: John 2:1-11 // Water to Wine)

<sup>1</sup> On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup> "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

- 1) After reading the John 2:1-11 passage aloud as a group – what is your key observation?
- 2) Read John 7:30; 8:20; 12:23 & 27; 13:1; 17:1 ... what do all those verses have in common with John 1:4 and what do you suppose the significance is?
- 3) Read aloud the story of Moses' first miracle (Exodus 7:14-24). How is this a precursor to Jesus' miracle?
- 4) What does this first sign signify about the ultimate work of Jesus on the Cross? And how do you place an emphasis on the work of the Cross in your work? In your personal devotionals? In your family life? And what can we learn from Mary's instruction to the servants?
- 5) According to our main passage this week, what do you think is the relationship between the Old Testament Law (Religious Pots used for Ceremonial Washing) and the grace of Jesus (New Wine)?
  - How do the ceremonial pots represent Old Testament Law and repeated need for washing?
  - What does wine represent in the New Testament? (Luke 22:20)
- 6) Share a personal story of transformation that you went through and the lessons you learned from it. (How has Jesus taken the "old, religious pots" of your life and transformed them into a new wine for life abundant?)

**CHALLENGE:** Share what physical thing you are willing to give up to attain something more spiritual during Lent (ex: caffeine, social media, sweets ... for the sake of reading more Scripture, praying more, journaling, etc)

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