JESUS CHANGES WATER TO WINE

John 2:1–12

Key Verse: 2:11

1. To what event did Jesus first take his disciples? (1–2) What does it suggest that he began his public ministry at a wedding banquet? (3:29; 15:11)
2. What problem arose? What did it mean in that society to run out of wine at a wedding? What did Jesus’ mother do, and why? (3) How does this illustrate the first step of prayer? How did Jesus respond to her, and why? (4) What did he mean by “my hour”/(“my time”)? (7:6,8,30; 8:20; 12:23,27; 17:1; see 5:19) How can we follow God’s time for us?
3. How might Jesus’ words have upset his mother Mary? Instead of getting upset or nagging him, what did she do? (5) How did this prepare an environment in which he could work? How does Mary illustrate the second step of prayer here? (Php4:6–7)
4. Describe the jars (6). At this time of the banquet, how would Jesus’ command to fill them with water (7a) seem unreasonable/unnecessary? What does the servants’ filling them “to the brim” show about them? (7) What did Jesus say to do next? (8) How was this even harder? Why is such obedience essential for Jesus to do miracles?
5. After tasting the wine, what did the banquet master say, and what does this reveal about Jesus? (9–10) Who knew what had happened, and who didn’t? How does Jesus’ changing ordinary water to the best wine characterize what he came to do? (2Co5:17) How do prayer and obedience bring about such a transformation?
6. Read verse 11. How does this sign reveal Jesus’ glory? What does it mean that the disciples “believed” in him (“put their faith” in him)? How can our faith in Jesus grow?