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It's Not About The Wine

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Have you ever heard about Jesus' first miracle?

It happened at a wedding in John's Gospel, Chapter 2 and verses 1-11. Jesus, his mother and his most dedicated followers were attending a wedding and reception when disaster struck. The unthinkable happened.

The bartenders ran out of wine.

Ok, so I'm being a bit melodramatic. But can you imagine being at an event as important as somebody's wedding, or worse yet have it be *your* wedding, and at the reception you run out of everybody's favorite bubbly? This was not good.

The story in a nutshell is how the servers filled 6 stone water jars with water. Each jar held 20-30 gallons of water and Jesus turned the water into wine. Right there. On the spot. In a moment. That's 120-180 *gallons* of wine! And, oh, by the way, it was the *best* wine. This wasn't a \$1.98 bottle of bad grapes. This was the stuff you'd only find at the finest dining establishments.

There were two dramatic results, one more obvious than the other:

- **The obvious was the response of the head of catering and all the guests when the new wine arrived. They were in awe of the wine.**
- **The second and not so obvious response was the response of Jesus' friends. In that one act they realized Who Jesus was. He revealed His glory to them (verse 11) and they realized Jesus was no magician. He was God in human flesh.**

And his friends put their faith in Him. They entrusted Him with their lives.

You see, for those who know Jesus, they are in awe of *Him*. For those who know Jesus, this story was never about the wine.

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