



## WORD

*This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. JOHN 2:11*

(Read also **JOHN 2:1-10.**)

The book of John recounts seven signs that testify who Jesus is, and what He came to do: that He is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing in Him, we will have life in His name. The first of such miracles is recorded in John 2, where He turned water into wine. In this lesson, we will learn about how this story is a reflection of the gospel.

## 1 Problem

<sup>2</sup>*Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." JOHN 2:2,3*

Jesus, His mother Mary, and His disciples were at a wedding feast when a problem happened: they have run out of wine at the banquet. Similarly, we, as human beings, face many things that show us how limited we are. Because of sin, we can never measure up to God's standard, and apart from Jesus, we are eternally separated from Him. Before knowing Christ, how did you try to "reach out" to God? What happened?

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## 2 Solution

<sup>7</sup>*Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. . . . <sup>10</sup>"Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." JOHN 2:7,8,10*

Jesus not only provided the solution to the lack of wine at the banquet, but also to our incapacity to save ourselves from sin. He demonstrated this by dying on the cross in our place. Left to ourselves, what we have and what the world offers is sure to leave us empty and unsatisfied. However, the joy we have in Jesus is always new, and He always fills us to overflowing. Only He is able to bring joy where there is sadness, peace where there is anxiety, and wholeness where there is brokenness. Share how Jesus brought you from a life of sin to a life of freedom, life, and joy.

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## 3 Salvation

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Seeing who Jesus really is and what He did for us through his life, death, and resurrection should result in us putting our faith in Him alone for salvation. The proper response to understanding and believing the gospel is worshiping Him, glorifying Him, and living for Him. How is the first miracle recorded by John a sign? What is it a sign of?

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