

# Encounters: The Wedding Couple

John 2:1-10

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## Outline

*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." John 2:1-10*

*"this is the first of the signs through which he (Jesus) revealed his glory (glory means weight or significance; and his disciples believed in him." (2:11)*

## I. Jesus Came to Bring Joy!

*"You turned my wailing into dancing;  
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy." Psalm 30:11*

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*"Is everything sad going to become untrue?" ~Samwise, from Lord of the Rings*

## II. Jesus Came to Bring Redemption.

*"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

Romans 5:6-8

*"Religion is not the place where the problem of man's egoism is automatically solved. Rather, the ultimate battle takes place between human pride and God's grace."~ Reinhold Niebuhr*

## III. Jesus Came to Bring Restoration.

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."*

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Corinthians 5:17

*"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision, or a husband's will, but born of God."*

John 1:12-13