



Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Ambushed By Abundance

Bible Reading: Jn. 2:1-11

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Turning Water into Wine: Inaugural Event in Jesus' Public Ministry

A Wedding at Cana (Jn. 2:1-2)

The Problem (Jn. 2:3-5)

- A. Request: Jesus' mother to Jesus: "They don't have any wine, *please do something* (implied)" (2:3)
- B. Rebuke: Jesus to his mother: "*What has this to do with me, woman. My hour has not yet come.*" (2:4)
- C. Response: Jesus' mother to the servants: "*Do whatever he tells you.*" (2:5)

The Solution (Jn. 2:3b-8)

- A. Not initiated by man (vv. 3b-5)
 1. Jesus' mother has no privileged claim on him
 2. My hour has not yet come
 3. Do whatever he tells you
- B. Is initiated by God (vv. 6-8; 5:19)
 1. Only one voice had authority in Jesus' ear
 2. Jesus turns water into wine
 1. Six stone jars
 2. Extravagance on display

3. Abundance is available through Jesus

4. A symmetry of abundance (Gen. 3:1)

C. Beginning new eras with God (Amos 9:13; Joel 3:18a; Jer. 31:12; Hos. 14:7)

The Reactions (Jn. 2:9-11)

A. The head waiter

B. The disciples

C. John calls it the 'first' sign

Application

A. Jesus' transforming power & abundance is available to everyone (Psa. 34:8)

1. To the insignificant (**Cana**)

2. To those God corrects/adjusts or asks to take up a new role in relation to Jesus (**Mary**)

3. To those who serve (**Servants**)

4. To those who are socially devastated (**Groom**)

B. Jesus continues to ambush people today with his abundance

C. New Beginnings can still happen