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The Best is Yet to Come!

John 2:1-11
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I. The People Present at the Wedding (vv. 1-2)

- A. Marriage was instituted by _____
- B. Marriage was designed to be _____ long
- C. God _____ divorce
- D. Wedding ceremonies are a time of _____
- E. Jesus should be invited in to your _____

II. The Problem Exposed at the Wedding (vv. 3-5)

- A. The wine ran _____ (v. 3)
- B. The conversation between _____ and Jesus (v. 4)
- C. The timeless _____ (v. 5)

III. The Plan Executed at the Wedding (vv. 6-8)

- A. The Jewish _____ (v. 6)
- B. The _____ from Christ (vv. 7-8)

IV. The Praise Rendered at the Wedding (vv. 9-10)

- A. Something is _____ (v. 9)
- B. Saving the best for _____ (v. 10)

V. The Point Made at the Wedding (v. 11)

- A. The Kingdom of God has been _____
- B. The Kingdom of God is _____
- C. The Kingdom of God has not yet been _____

TAKE HOME

- Have you _____ Jesus to your marriage?
- Are you _____ to do this year whatever He tells you?
- Do you truly _____ that the best is yet to come?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 2:1-2. What made it so special that Jesus did His first miracle at a wedding? What’s the difference between inviting Jesus to your wedding and inviting Him to your marriage?

2. Read John 2:3-5. What was the problem that happened at the wedding? What can we learn from the interaction between Jesus and His mother? How does Isaiah 55:8-9 fit in with this passage?

3. Look at John 2:5 again. What are some timeless directives that are in God’s Word that you want to do a better job implementing in this new year?

4. Read John 2:6-8. Now look at Mark 7:1-4. What was the significance of Jesus doing this miracle in this way? Does Jesus sometimes command us to do things that don’t make sense? Please discuss.

5. Read John 2:9-10. How would you have felt in taking this water to the head waiter? What was the head waiter’s response? What do we learn from this? (Isa. 55:1-2)

6. Read John 2:11. What was the point made at the wedding? Read Luke 4:16-21. What does this passage also teach us about Christ’s ministry?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? How will the truth that the best is yet to come help you in your spiritual journey this year?

*“Happy are those who, like the disciples, believe on Him by whom this miracle was wrought.
A greater marriage feast than that of Cana will one day be held,
when Christ Himself will be the bridegroom and the believers will be the bride.
A greater glory will one day be manifested,
when Jesus shall take to Himself His great power and reign.
Blessed will they be in that day who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!”*

- J.C. Ryle