



**Sunday Activity  
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January 16, 2022  
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

## 1 Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does that concern you and me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now there were six stone water jars there for washings, that each held twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to the top. Then he told them, “Now take some out and give it to the headwaiter.” So they took it. The headwaiter tasted the water that had turned into wine, but he didn’t know where it came from, although the servants who had drawn the water knew. The headwaiter called the groom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and after the people have already drunk that, they serve a lesser one. But you have saved the good wine until now.”

This was the beginning of the signs Jesus performed in Galilee that revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

“This was the beginning of the signs Jesus performed.” In today’s Gospel, Jesus performs a wonderful miracle. There are many things about the Wedding at Cana that teach us deeper truths, if we look at them closely.

First, it is no accident that Jesus’s first public miracle was performed at a wedding. The Church is the Bride of Christ, and God often refers to Himself as the Groom. Jesus calls His Bride, the Church, to Himself, in an eternal loving relationship. His miracle at the wedding is a sign of that. And Jesus’s miracle produced the best wine. That is a sign that Jesus came to bring us the new, perfect, eternal gift of God, which is greater than anything He had given His people before.

Notice that it was Mary that came to Jesus with the wedding couple’s need. Jesus knew of their need, but He allowed His mother to bring the need to Him, as a sign that she prays for all of us now. Jesus’s response to Mary was very strange. First, He called her “Woman.” Why? Was He being rude? Of course not. He addressed her as “Woman” as a title. Mary is the Woman that God had promised to send when Adam and Eve first sinned, the Woman whose Son would crush the head of the devil. Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan, and she was playing that role at the wedding in Cana.

Jesus told Mary that “His hour” had not yet come. What did that mean? Jesus spoke of His “hour” as the time of His death. By telling this to Mary, He was letting her know that if He performed the miracle at the wedding, it would be the beginning of His path to the cross. After this miracle, His disciples began to believe in Him, and His public ministry really began. Was Mary ready to accept that? Look at Mary’s response. She turned to the servants and said, “Do whatever He tells you.”

That is exactly what she tells us. We are the servants of God, and Mary only wants us to do what Jesus tells us.

### 3 Discussion Questions

Why do you think Jesus waited for Mary to tell Him about the lack of wine?

How did the miracle that Jesus performed at the wedding in Cana begin the path that eventually led Him to the cross?

### 4 Vocabulary

- **Eucharist** – The Eucharist is the sacrament in which bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana prefigures the miracle He performed when He instituted the Eucharist.
- **Miracle** – Miracles are things that cannot happen naturally. They need direct intervention from God. Jesus worked many miracles. Today's Gospel recounts Jesus's first public miracle.
- **"New Eve"** – Mary is sometimes called the "New Eve." Eve cooperated in Adam's sinning; Mary cooperated with Jesus's saving work.
- **Protoevangelium** – In the book of Genesis, God promises that He will send a Woman, whose Son will be the Savior that will crush the head of the devil. This first promise of His saving plan is called the "First Gospel," or the "Protoevangelium."

- 1) At Cana, Jesus changed water into wine; when He instituted the \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood.
- 2) Mary is sometimes referred to as the “\_\_\_\_\_”.
- 3) In Cana, Jesus performed His first public \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Immediately after Adam and Eve sinned, God promised a Savior in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Who told Jesus about the wine running out?
  - A) Peter
  - B) James
  - C) John
  - D) Mary
  
- 2) What title did Jesus call Mary when He answered her concern?
  - A) Mother
  - B) Queen
  - C) Woman
  - D) Mary
  
- 3) What did Jesus turn into wine at the wedding?
  - A) Water
  - B) Grape Juice
  - C) Cider
  - D) Soda

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 WINE





## Fill in the Blank

- 1) Eucharist
- 2) New Eve
- 3) Miracle
- 4) Protoevangelium

## Quiz:

- 1) D – Mary
- 2) C – Woman
- 3) A – Water