



# Calvary of Albuquerque

## The Wedding Guest - John 2:1-12

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### MESSAGE SUMMARY

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### OUTLINE

- I. Jesus and His Mother (vss. 1-5)
- II. Jesus and the Moment (v. 4, v. 1)
- III. Jesus and a Miracle (vss. 6-10)
- IV. Jesus and His Men (v. 11)

For Home Fellowships:

1. Would your wedding have been any different if Jesus would have had a prominent place?
2. Does He occupy that place in your marriage and family life right now? How is God's timing different from yours? What could help you to be more patient?
3. In what ways does your faith grow? What things help it grow?

### DETAILED NOTES

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Weddings days are high stress with many details and plans culminating in one event. No details about the bride and groom are recorded in the text because they are not most important to this story, Jesus is. What he brings to this wedding changes the disciples. This is His first miraculous sign. Weddings would be different if He were a guest. Marriages would be different if He were the center of the home.

The place-We have moved geographically NNW from the Jordan River area to Galilee, which will become the headquarters for Jesus ministry. Cana is five miles north of Jesus hometown of Nazareth and was Nathanael's hometown.

The time - It is a Wednesday. It was almost universal that the wedding of a virgin would be on a Wednesday in this culture. Not a Saturday, because that was the Sabbath.

The people- This is probably a very close friend or relative of Jesus family, because both Jesus and Mary were invited and Mary seems to be working behind the scenes.

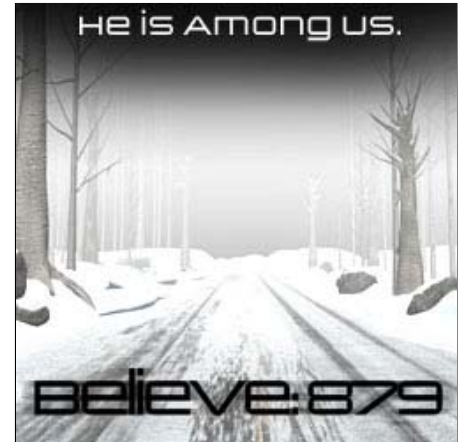
#### I. Jesus and His Mother (vss. 1-5)

##### A. Historically

1. Mary has been worshipped by some
2. She has been prayed to and revered
3. Named the co-redemptress and co-mediatrix of the human race.
4. Vatican II notes a union of mother and Son in the work of salvation.

##### B. Biblically

1. Jesus calls her woman.
  - a. Not disrespectful, but polite and formal (like lady, ma'am)
  - b. Indicates a change in their relationship
    - i. Jesus begins His public ministry
    - ii. Earthly relationships won't determine His course of action.
    - iii. Not just your Son, but Your Savior
2. Asks her, what does your concern have to do with me? (ti emoi soi gunai?)
  - a. My thoughts are not your thoughts.
  - b. Didn't you know I must be about my Father's business?
3. Mary is a blessed woman and wonderful example of womanhood.
4. Mary is NOT sinless, co-redemptress, nor co-mediatrix.
  - a. She called Jesus her Savior, indicating her need for mercy and grace. Luke1



5. The early church did not honor nor worship her.
6. Mary is hardly mentioned in scripture.
7. Examples include Matthew 12, Luke 11.

## II. Jesus and the Moment (v. 4, v. 1)

- A. John keeps careful track of the time, (John 1:29, 35,43) indicating Jesus seems to be keeping a schedule.
- B. My hour has not yet come
  1. "My hour" will be used 5 more times in John (John 7:30, 13:1, 17:1)
  2. "My hour" refers to the time of suffering, death, and subsequent resurrection.
  3. When Mary told Jesus they were out of wine, she was not simply asking Him to miraculously make wine. She was asking him to reveal who He was as Messiah.
    - a. She knew Him better than anyone else.
    - b. She remembered her virgin birth, the Magi, Annas
    - c. She knew about gossip and rumors of illegitimacy
- C. Jesus is moving in a divine time schedule toward the cross.
- D. Importance of the "hour" of suffering in the 4 gospels
  1. Four chapters hint at the first 30 years of Jesus' life
  2. 85 chapters are about the last 3 ½ years of His life
  3. 29 chapters of those are about the last week of His life
  4. 13 chapters are about the final day (579 verses about "his hour"
- E. Jesus was saving ultimate revelation about who He is until that last "hour"
- F. Application: God's timing is perfect, never late never early

## III. Jesus and a Miracle (vss. 6-10)

- A. A wedding was "the" social event. Important to have wine.
  1. Wedding paid for by the groom.
  2. Wine a symbol of Joy (Isaiah 55, Psalm 104)
  3. If the groom ran out of wine it mean he couldn't provide joy for his wife, his family or his friends.
  4. The groom could be sued for failing to meet His social responsibility.
- B. 6 water pots of stone (stone represents clean vs. earthenware represents unclean)
  1. 180 gallons of wine - more than enough
  2. Jesus was not meeting a need, He was lavishing a gift.
  3. The bride and groom could sell the excess wine and use the money
- C. The water pots were filled to the brim
  1. It was a miracle
  2. Nothing was added to the pots
- D. Demonstrates Jesus is God
  1. In chapter one he revealed Jesus omniscience in choosing Philip and Nathanael
  2. Now demonstrates his omnipotence in control of the natural world
  3. Old Testament begins with a miracle of creation, and Jesus ministry begins with a miracle of creation

## IV. Jesus and His Men (v. 11)

- A. This is the first miracle, the beginning of signs. (refutes the fanciful accounts of Jesus exercising power as a child in Gospel of Thomas and Gospel of Peter which are Apocryphal not Canonical books)
- B. Tells us why he did this miracle. To reveal His glory in order to develop the faith of his disciples.
  1. The disciples believed. (John 20:31,32)
  2. Private miracle, only five disciples at this time.
  3. They may not have thought of Moses at this time -another prophet like Moses
    - a. Moses first miracle turned water to blood, brought destruction and misery
    - b. Jesus first miracle turned water to wine, saved the day and brought joy
  4. Part of the "greater things" Jesus promised to Nathanael.

Figures referenced: Ogden Nash, Charles Spurgeon, William Barclay

Greek terms: gunai (woman), ti emoi soi gunai (what with me with you woman?)

Cross References: Genesis 1, Psalm 104, Isaiah 55, Matthew 12, Luke 11, John 1:1, 20:30-31