



Morningside Church

Sermon Discussion Guide

Title: Jesus – The Life of the Party

Date: February 23, 2025

Scripture Text: John 2:1-11

Series: Believe - The Study of the Book of John

Notes:

We continue our study of the book of John by taking a look at Jesus' first 'sign'. [John 1](#) gave background on who Jesus was and the role John the Baptist played in directing others to Him. In [John 2](#), Jesus starts His public ministry at the wedding of a family friend in the small city of Cana. This is the first of 8 signs John shares with his readers to give evidence that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah, "Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name." ([John 20:30-31](#)). In today's passage we see that Jesus is the '*life of the party*'. Let's consider how we can experience first-hand the life Jesus Christ offers.

I. Give Jesus an Invitation ([John 2:1-2](#))

"Jewish weddings were community events, a time of special focus not just on bride and groom but also on their extended families. Jesus's mother may have been a friend of the family, helping behind the scenes. Jesus's disciples probably included the five mentioned in [1:35-51](#)" (Blum).

- What stands out to you about the place/opportunity of Jesus' first miracle?
- How is a marriage a picture of Jesus' relationship with the church (His bride) ([Eph. 5:22-29](#))?
- What are other ways we can be a picture of Jesus to others?
- Jesus was invited to this wedding. What does it look like to 'give Jesus an invitation' today?

II. Take Your Problem to Jesus ([John 2:3-4](#))

As the wedding festivities continued, a social tragedy occurred. "Running out of wine represented a social disaster much greater in the first century than it would today. Disgrace, humiliation, insult—all these and more would be brought upon the family with such carelessness as to allow this to happen. Wedding celebrations in that day sometimes lasted nearly a week, so the wine supply was a major consideration." (Gangel)



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- When the wine ran out, who was the first person Mary turned to for help?
- How quickly are you willing, typically, to turn to Jesus with your problems?
- What are the advantages of giving your problems to Jesus?
- Why do we typically not turn to Jesus first in troubled times?
- How can you turn to Jesus with your problems more consistently?

III. Do What Jesus Tells You To Do (John 2:5)

Mary does not hesitate to inform those who are nearby “whatever He says to you, do it”. She didn’t know what Jesus was going to do, or if He would do anything. But she trusted that whatever He did would be the best for all those involved.

- What does it look like to trust Jesus with your problems?
- What are the challenges with trusting Jesus with your circumstances?
- Why do you think Mary was so quick to trust Jesus?
- How does obeying Jesus (doing what Jesus tells us to do) show that we are trusting Him with our circumstances?
- How do we know what Jesus tells us to do?
- How can spending time with Jesus in His word, in prayer, and with His people help us do what He tells us to do?

“It is very desirable when there is a marriage, to have Christ own and bless it. Those that would have Christ with them at their marriage, must invite him by prayer, and he will come. While in this world we sometimes find ourselves in straits, even when we think ourselves in fulness. There was want at a marriage feast. Those who are come to care for the things of the world, must look for trouble, and count upon disappointment. In our addresses to Christ, we must humbly spread our case before him, and then refer ourselves to him to do as he pleases. In Christ's reply to his mother there was no disrespect. He used the same word when speaking to her with affection from the cross; yet it is a standing testimony against the idolatry of after-ages, in giving undue honours to his mother. His hour is come when we know not what to do. Delays of mercy are not denials of prayer. Those that expect Christ's favours, must observe his orders with ready obedience. The way of duty is the way to mercy; and Christ's methods must not be objected against. The beginning of Moses' miracles was turning water into blood, [Luke 21:34](#). Though we need not scruple to feast with our friends on proper occasions, yet every social interview should be so conducted, that we might invite the Redeemer to join with us, if he were now on earth; and all levity, luxury, and excess offend him.”

Matthew Henry