



Series Jesus: The Man Who Is God
Passage John 2:1-11
Title The Sovereign Path to the Cross
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- **Discussion Starter:** What new or impactful insights about Jesus were revealed to you in the story of His first miracle of turning the water into wine?

Woman, This Is Not My Concern (John 2:1-5)

- In John 2:3, Mary lets Jesus know that the wedding party has run out of wine and we know that would be a big problem and a source of embarrassment for the groom. Do you think that she was expecting Jesus to perform a miracle? Describe why you do or do not believe so.
- What is the spiritual significance of how Jesus responds in John 2:4a to His mother's request? Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6 and Luke 11:27-28. Discuss how these verses illuminate the spiritual significance of how Jesus responds to His mother, Mary, in John 2:4a.
- Why do you think Jesus tells Mary that His hour has not yet come? How does it pertain to this particular wedding event? Read John 7:30, 12:27, 13:1 and 17:1. Describe in your own words what these verses reveal about the timing, order and purpose of this particular hour.
- How does Mary respond in John 2:5 to Jesus' comments and what does this reveal to us about Mary?

The Problem of Ceremonial Cleansing (John 2:6)

- How are the six water pots of stone important in the spiritual symbolism of what was about to take place here at the wedding? Read Matthew 15:1-6 and Matthew 23:25-28. Discuss how Jesus exposes the problems behind these ceremonial cleansing rituals. How can we guard ourselves practically from falling into a walk of ceremonial rituals at church?

Only the Servants Saw the Miracles (John 2:7-11)

- What do you think was going through the servants' minds as Jesus asked them to fill up these six 20 to 30 gallon water pots that were not used for drinking water? What are some of the things in your life as a Christian that, at the time, seemed to make no sense at all?
- What is the spiritual significance behind Jesus using these six stone pots of ceremonial cleansing water and then turning it into fine wine? What declaration is Jesus making?
- How does the master of the feast respond after tasting the new wine? How does he describe the new wine in comparison to previous wine that was served and what is symbolically important about this comparison?
- How could Jesus' glory be manifested if only a few people in the wedding knew about the miracle of the water being turned into wine?