

Series: Easter Series 2023 **Passage:** John 2:1-12

Title: Redemption: The Man, The Plan, The Power of God

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Discussion Starter – In what ways do you see story of redemption displayed in Jesus' first recorded miracle at the wedding in Cana?

- 1. Why do you think God's plan in redemption has Jesus waiting until He was 30 years old before starting His ministry? What are some of the things that needed to take place beforehand? Read Hebrews 4:15-16 and Leviticus 25:47-51. How do these passages apply to Jesus' ministry?
- 2. The problem arises at the wedding when they run out of wine and Jesus' mother informs Him of this issue. What might be some of the underlying reasons that Jesus responds to His mother saying "Women, what does your concern have to do with me"?
- 3. What did Jesus mean when He said, "My hour has not yet come"? Read John 7:6, 8, 30.
 - a. What experiences have you had where you have had to wait on the LORD's plan for your life?
- 4. What is the significance and purpose of the 6 water-pots Jesus used for this "sign" and miracle? Read Hebrews 10:1-7. What additional insights are pointed out in these verses?
- 5. Jesus grants His mother's request, and then His mother instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them to do. Describe how these servants respond and carry out Jesus' instructions.
 - b. Do you think the servants might have had doubts about following Jesus' instructions? What can we learn from these servants, as we who are God's servants follow His word and instructions in our own lives?
- 6. What spiritual transition is taking place as Jesus chooses to manifest His divine power as Messiah at this weeding in Cana, by turning water into fine wine? What shadows and fulfillment are seen in this account?
- 7. How many gallons did Jesus turn into wine and why was there such an over-abundance?
- 8. Why do you think that Jesus did not revealed this miracle to everyone? Who was it revealed to and who wasn't it revealed to?
- 9. When we look at Moses' inaugural miracle, and compare it to Jesus' first recorded miracle, what important things are revealed about God's sovereign plan for our redemption?
 - c. Life in Jesus is far superior to anything else. Read Romans 8:1-5. How do these verses describe what our life in Jesus should look like and how do we know if we are living a life in Jesus?