

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 5, Episode 6

The Wedding at Cana in Galilee

John 2:1-5

Discussion Questions

1. What cultural significance did weddings hold in Jewish society during Jesus's time? How does understanding this help us appreciate the setting of Jesus's first miracle?
2. Why do you think John chose to include this event as the first miracle in his Gospel?
3. How does Jesus's response to Mary ("My hour has not yet come") reveal His mission and priorities?
4. What do the six stone water jars symbolize, and why is their role in the miracle significant?
5. How does the transformation of water into wine reflect the transition from the old covenant to the new covenant?
6. How does the symbolism of wine as joy resonate with the broader biblical narrative?
7. Why do you think Mary confidently tells the servants, "Do whatever He tells you," despite Jesus's initial hesitation?
8. Discuss the irony of Jesus performing a miracle in Cana, a town associated with zealots. How does this contrast with His message of peace?
9. How does the miracle at Cana foreshadow Jesus's ultimate work on the cross and the future marriage supper of the Lamb in Revelation 19?
10. What lessons can we learn about obedience and faith from the servants who filled the jars and followed Jesus's instructions?

Application Questions

1. How do you respond when God's timing does not align with your expectations, as seen in Mary's interaction with Jesus?
2. In what ways can you bring the joy of Christ to those around you, similar to how Jesus provided wine for the wedding guests?
3. Reflect on a time when you felt unworthy, like the incomplete purification jars. How did Jesus transform you?
4. How can you increase your trust in God's provision, even in seemingly trivial matters, as Mary did?
5. What practical steps can you take to live in obedience to Jesus's words, "Do whatever He tells you"?
6. In what areas of your life do you need to let Jesus perform a transformation, much like the water being turned into wine?
7. How can your faith community celebrate and cultivate joy, as symbolized by the wine in this miracle?
8. What does the concept of Jesus being the "New Moses" mean for your understanding of His mission and identity?
9. How can this miracle inspire you to view everyday moments as opportunities for God to display His glory?
10. Think about someone who needs encouragement or joy. What is one way you can reflect Christ to them this week?

Prayer Prompt

"Father, thank You for the joy and transformation that You bring through Jesus. Help us to trust Your timing and to obey Your voice, just as Mary and the servants did. May our lives reflect Your glory and point others to Your grace and provision. Teach us to find joy in You and to share that joy with others. Amen."

Additional Resources

- Pastor Robby Gallaty's sermon: *"Is it Wise for a Christian to Drink Alcohol?"* [Link](#)
- *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty
- BEMA Discipleship Podcast: *Exploring the Cultural and Biblical Context of Jesus's Miracles*
- Bible Passages for Deeper Study:
 - Genesis 29:21 (Jacob's declaration at his wedding)
 - Psalm 104:15; Isaiah 55:1 (Wine as a symbol of joy)
 - Revelation 19 (The marriage supper of the Lamb)

- *The Bible in a Year: A Guided Scripture Reading Journey for Women* by Kandi Gallaty (F260 Series)
- Commentaries on John's Gospel for historical and theological insights.