

“You have kept the fine wine until now” John chapter 2 verse 10

At a wedding feast at the town of Cana in Galilee, the wine runs out. This is probably the worst thing that can happen at a party. Like it or not, having something to drink seems to be the key requirement for making social events flow smoothly.

Mary, Jesus's mother, is there, and she takes the problem to Jesus. He instructs the servants to fill six large jars with water, which he then proceeds to transform into wine; 180 gallons of it, and far better than the wine that had run out.

Jesus didn't expand on the meaning of this miracle, but John makes it clear that it wasn't done just to impress a few people at a wedding. John calls it the first 'sign' that Jesus did.

There are quite a number of lessons that we can draw from this account, not least, perhaps, that Jesus likes a party. But perhaps it is John himself who gives its meaning when he quotes the head servant's words to the groom; “Everyone sets out the fine wine first, then, after people are drunk, the inferior. But you have kept the fine wine until now.”

A sign points people to something. This sign points people to Jesus. Many people sent by God had come before Jesus - prophets, judges, priests and kings – but Jesus came as God's best and final answer to the need of the human race for a saviour. On another occasion, Jesus makes this very point himself. The Queen of Sheba, he says, came to marvel at the wisdom of Solomon, but now someone greater than Solomon is here; and the prophet Jonah preached to the people of Nineveh and they repented, but now someone greater than Jonah is here.

Solomon and Jonah and all the other men of God who came before were God's servants, but Jesus is God's best, his Son. The lives of all the others, however good they were, were not adequate to completely fulfil our human need. Jesus fulfils it completely and abundantly.

### Prayer

Father, I know that there is only one person who can provide all I need for life and godliness by faith in him. Please help me to put my trust and faith in Jesus in all areas of my life, so that I will no longer look to other things that are inadequate to satisfy what I really need. In Jesus' name, amen.

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