

**Men's Sunday Night Live**  
**Lesson 2 - John 2:1-25**  
**Finding Identity and Purpose**  
**The Ministry Begins**

Some churches falsely teach that Christ performed miracles when He was a child, but John 2:11 clearly states that the turning of the water into wine was the beginning of His miracles. Keep in mind that John recorded these signs in order to prove that Jesus is God so that people might believe in Him and be saved.

Israel was ignorant of its own Messiah. *"There stands One among you whom you do not know,"* said John the Baptist in 1:26. This wedding feast is a picture of the nation: the wine had run out, the people's supply was emptied, yet their Messiah stood there to help them. The six water pots were used for ceremonial cleansing. The people had external ceremonies, but they had nothing to satisfy them within.

Mary's words should be echoed by all who would serve Christ: *"Whatever He says to you, do it."* It must have seemed foolish for the servants to fill those water pots, but God uses *"the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise."* If we are to see men saved, then we must obey Christ and give men the Word of God. It is not entertainment or recreation that saves souls, but the preaching and teaching of the Word. If we do our part, Christ will do the rest.

The servants knew where the wine came from, but the "important people" at the feast did not. When a person serves Christ, he or she learns His secrets. We are Christ's servants and His friends, and He tells us what He is doing. It is better to be a humble servant of Christ and share in His miracles than to sit at the head table at the greatest feast. We should use every opportunity to serve Christ, *"in season and out of season."* Here we see Jesus bringing glory to God at a wedding feast.

**Read John 2:1-12 and answer the following questions**

1. What event is taking place, where was it at, and who was present?
2. What problem occurred, and what request did Jesus' mother make?
3. What did Jesus mean when He said, "*My hour has not yet come.*"? (See vs. 4)
4. Why do you think Jesus chose turning water into wine at a wedding feast for His first miracle?
5. What observation did the ruler of the feast make about the wine? (See vs. 10)
6. How is the miracle of changing water into wine significant for you?

**Read John 2:13-22 and answer the following questions**

7. What do Jesus' words and deeds in 2:13-17 tell you about His character and priorities? What do they tell you about His mission?

8. Does 2:13-17 have any warnings about a believer's priorities? If so, how do these relate to you?

9. What question did the Jews ask Jesus regarding His cleansing of the temple? What response did Jesus give? (See vs. 18-19)

10. What did the Jews think Jesus meant by "*Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*"?

11. What did Jesus really mean by this statement?

**Read John 2:23-25 and answer the following questions**

12. In verse 23 we read that Jesus did many signs while at the Passover Feast in Jerusalem. These signs are not described but what impact is seen in the following verses? John 2:23; 3:2; 4:45

13. What might Jesus have seen in the people that caused Him to not commit Himself to them?