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1. THE SYMBOLS: WEDDINGS



- What's the longest wedding celebration you've ever attended?
- In the Old Testament, marriage is a common metaphor for the relationship between God and his people (**Isaiah 54:4-8**)
- The final arrival of the new heavens & earth is described as a wedding (**Revelation 21:1-4**)
- This wasn't a hap-hazard accidental miracle to start Jesus' ministry: it was an intentional sign

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1. THE SYMBOLS: WINE



- Wine was a luxury—a cash-crop—that many of the poor simply couldn't afford
- Wine took months to make, but Jesus did it in an instant
- Wine is a symbol of joy and celebration
- Wine is a symbol of the Messianic age (Amos 9:13-14)

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2. JESUS' WINE: SOMETHING NEW

- Let's talk about numbers [not 4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
- Six stone water jars
- This is a new day—where would the party-goers cleanse themselves for the rest of the wedding feast?
- Paul describes this newness well in **2 Corinthians 5:17**

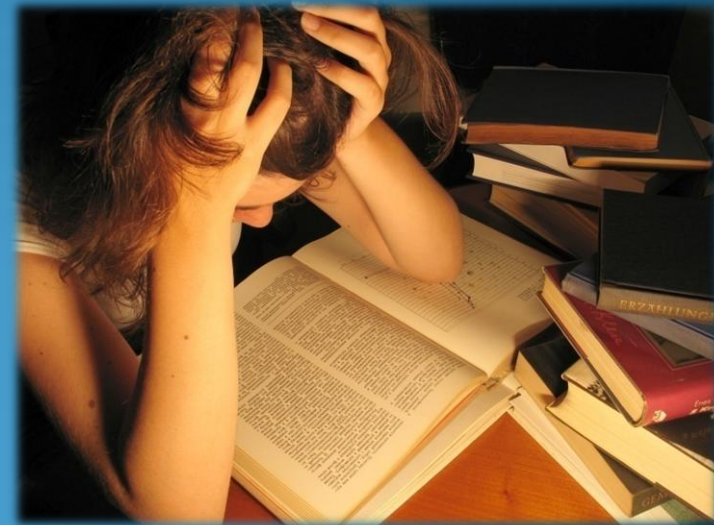


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3. LESSONS FROM THE CHARACTERS

- **Jesus** – Waited for the Father's time while still serving others
- **Mary** – Went straight to Jesus with her problem
- **Servants** [*diakonos*] – Obeyed a very strange (and potentially dangerous) request without hesitation
- **Disciples** – Saw Jesus' glory and believed



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The *new age* as broken into our lives.

We've been given an *abundance* of new wine to drink.

It's our *responsibility* to follow Mary's advise and to "do whatever he tells" us.