

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1.) In vs 1 we see a Wedding is taking place. This was a major social event in first-century and was a **CELEBRATION** for the entire town.
- 2.) In an ancient wedding the **GROOM** was responsible for the expenses.
- 3.) Vs 1 shows us once again that “*Jesus the Guest*” enjoyed being at **SOCIAL EVENTS** and seems to love going to celebrations; *ie. - Zaccheus house, Lazarus house, tax collector (Matthew).*
- 4.) Vs 3 In the 1st century culture, to run out of wine at a celebration like a wedding, was a large **SOCIAL BLUNDER**. It would be like forgetting a wedding cake in our day and would bring social disgrace upon the family.
- 5.) While the Bible does not forbid drinking wine, and in some cases commends it, it does clearly **CONDEMN DRUNKENNESS**.
- 6.) vs 4 Jesus response of “*Woman*”- was a polite, but **NOT INTIMATE** reply, much like our English word “*Ma’am*”.
- 7.) vs 4 His rhetorical question “*...to do with us?*” -is literal in the greek language- “*What to me and to you?*”. Jesus’ statement has the effect of distancing them by clarifying they **ARE NOT** of the **SAME FOCUS**... her priority is not His priority.
- 8.) vs 5 Mary is acknowledging, Jesus will act independently and she is **WILLING** to put the situation it into His hands. It is at this point Jesus then takes command.
- 9.) vs 7 John gives us great **EYEWITNESS DETAIL** again when he tells us they filled them “*right to the brim*”.
- 10.) In vs 7 we see Jesus displayed **ABUNDANT GRACE** and provision by producing such a large quantity (120/180 gallons). This was more than enough to last for the rest of the celebration.
- 11.) vs 9 That which was just provided is that which is created from the very **HAND OF GOD**. It didn’t come from a natural fermentation process. The Lord GOD brought it into existence.
- 12.) vs 11 indicates “*His glory*” was made **VISIBLE** through this event. The “sign” performed at the wedding points beyond the event itself to something even **GREATER**, the arrival of Jesus the Messiah.

GREEK WORDS USED TODAY

Gemizo, *ghem-id'-zo*; to *fill* entirely :- (be) full

Kalos (kal-os') *beautiful*, [*valuable or virtuous*] :- appearance

Methuo (meth-oo'-o); to *drink to intoxication, get drunk*:- make (be) drunk (-en)

FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

What does God’s provision look like?

- What He provides is the best
- Not in small quantities
- God’s blessings are always bountiful
- God’s goodness and grace abounds; without measure

Jesus brings joy where there is disappointment

God is concerned with your “non-critical” problem, are you willing to talk to Him about even the simplest things? Even lost car keys?
What are some issues you need to bring to God for help?

How can you apply the principles of these truths this week?__

*Remember- the role God has called you to do may be exactly what He’s going to use to meet a need for someone else