

A CHAOTIC ENCOUNTER

Jesus at the Wedding in Cana

John 2:1-11

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INTRO

1. **Meetings** in John's gospel
2. **Manifestations** in John's gospel

A. A **CHAOTIC** ENCOUNTER

1. The shortage creates a **social** burden (v. 1-2)
2. The shortage builds a **marital** issue (v. 1-2)
3. The need foreshadows a deeper **spiritual** problem (v. 3-4)

B. A **CHRIST-CENTERED** ENCOUNTER

1. Jesus shows **compassion** in times of our crisis (v. 4)
2. Jesus gives **intervention** no one can give (v. 6-9)
3. Jesus brings **satisfaction** to our lives (v. 10)
4. Jesus reveals the **manifestations** of His glory in critical moments of our lives (v. 11)
5. Jesus provides **salvation** (v. 2, 4, 6)

CONCLUSION

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

1. Icebreaker Questions: Share with the group any obstacle/s you faced on your wedding.
2. Read John 2:1-4. Weddings during the times of Jesus were a weeklong event that involved the whole community. What were the possible adverse outcomes to the couple and their families of this social *faux pas*?
3. Why did Jesus choose a wedding to be a recipient of His first miracle?
4. Read John 2:10 and compare Psalm 34:8; Acts 2:2; Genesis 8:21; Psalm 119:103 and Matthew 5:13. Why does the scripture use *sensory language* regarding our Christian faith?
5. Read John 2:11. The passage illustrates that what Jesus did at Cana was a **sign** to reveal His glory. There are more signs following this: Healing the Royal Official's Son (4:46-54); Healing the paralytic at the pool (5:1-18); Feeding over 5,000 with fish and loaves (6:1-14); Walking on water (6:15-26); Healing of the man born blind (9:1-41); Raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-46). Signs were signifier to prove Jesus as an All-Powerful God. Can you share with the group a milestone in your life that has a signifying purpose of revealing the power of God?
6. Read John 2:2,4, and 6. The terms "*third day*," "*ceremonial jars*," and "*hour*" are all symbols of Christ's sacrificial death. How does the story of the wedding at Cana reflect man's need of salvation?
7. As you close your Life Group, use this time to pray for each couple that God may do another miracle of "turning water into wine."