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John 2:1-11 | Water Into Wine

Sunday October 11, 2026

KEYPOINT 1:

Jesus answers with a _____ — not because she is His mother, but because He is her _____.

KEYPOINT 2:

Jesus doesn't respond to human _____ but to the Father's sovereign _____.

KEYPOINT 3:

Mary _____ Jesus to help, even though she didn't know
_____ He would help.

KEYPOINT 4:

At first Mary approaches Jesus as his _____, but now responds as a _____.

KEYPOINT 5:

Jesus did the _____, yet the _____ did all the work.

SERMON NOTES:

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POP QUIZ

1. What did wine symbolize in the sermon's explanation of the wedding crisis?

- A. Military victory
- B. Ceremonial cleansing
- C. Political authority
- D. Joy and gladness

2. According to Key Point 1, what did Jesus' response call Mary to recognize about Him?

- A. He was only her earthly son.
- B. He was the groom's adviser.
- C. He was the wedding's host.
- D. He was her Savior and Lord.

3. According to Key Point 2, what governed Jesus' actions and timetable?

- A. The wedding guests' demands
- B. The headwaiter's instructions
- C. The Father's sovereign providence
- D. His mother's expectations

4. How do Mary's words, "Do whatever he tells you," illustrate Key Points 3 and 4?

- A. She took charge of performing the miracle herself.
- B. She withdrew her concern about the shortage.
- C. She prescribed exactly how Jesus should help.
- D. She trusted Him as a believer without knowing His plan.

5. What was the original purpose of the six stone water jars?

- A. Collecting offerings
- B. Storing grain
- C. Jewish purification
- D. Transporting olive oil

6. How did the servants respond when Jesus told them to fill the jars with water?

- A. They filled the jars halfway.
- B. They filled only one jar.
- C. They filled the jars to the brim.
- D. They waited for an explanation.

7. What central lesson does Key Point 5 draw from Jesus' power and the servants' actions?

- A. The servants' effort produced the miracle.
- B. Jesus performed the miracle while the servants obeyed His commands.
- C. The servants needed no instructions from Jesus.
- D. Jesus required the headwaiter to believe before acting.

8. What surprised the headwaiter about the wine he tasted?

- A. The fine wine had been kept until now.
- B. The wine was inferior to what came before.
- C. The wine had come from Jerusalem.
- D. The wine had been served before the wedding began.

9. Why did John describe the miracle as a "sign"?

- A. It proved the groom had planned carefully.
- B. It focused attention on the servants' skill.
- C. It established rules for future wedding celebrations.
- D. It pointed beyond the gift to Jesus' identity and glory.

10. What effect did this sign have on Jesus' disciples?

- A. They credited the headwaiter with the miracle.
- B. They believed in Him, and their faith grew stronger.
- C. They understood every detail of His future ministry.
- D. They stopped following Him.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Monday — Bringing Our Needs to the Lord | John 2:1–3

1. When an unexpected problem arises, what is your first response, and what does it reveal about where you place your trust?
2. What concern have you hesitated to bring to the Lord because it seems too ordinary or insignificant?
3. How can you follow Mary's example by bringing someone else's need to the Lord this week?

Tuesday — Trusting the Lord's Timing | John 2:4

1. Where are you tempted to insist that the Lord follow your timetable?
2. How does knowing that the Lord acts according to the Father's sovereign purposes help you face an unanswered prayer?
3. What would surrendering your expectations to the Lord look like in one specific situation today?

Wednesday — Trusting Without Knowing How | John 2:5

1. Mary trusted the Lord without knowing how He would help. What uncertainty is challenging your trust right now?
2. When you pray, do you bring the Lord your needs or prescribe the solution? How could your prayers change?
3. What clear instruction from the Lord's Word do you need to obey, even though you cannot see the outcome?

Thursday — Faithful Obedience in Ordinary Tasks | John 2:6–8

1. The servants filled the jars before understanding what would happen. Where are you waiting for an explanation before obeying the Lord?
2. What ordinary responsibility could become an opportunity to serve the Lord and bless someone else this week?
3. Like repeatedly refreshing an email screen, how do you try to regain control while waiting? What would prayerful patience look like instead?

Friday — Recognizing the Lord's Provision | John 2:9–10

1. The servants knew the source of the wine, while the headwaiter did not. What blessings might you be enjoying without acknowledging the Lord who provided them?
2. How does this passage help you distinguish your responsibility from the Lord's sovereignty?
3. How can you thank the Lord for His generosity while trusting Him when His provision differs from what you hoped for?

Saturday — Looking Beyond the Gift to the Giver | John 2:11

1. The sign pointed beyond the wine to the Lord's glory. Are your prayers focused primarily on receiving His gifts or on knowing His glory?
2. As you reflect on this passage, what specific step of obedience will you take to express greater trust in the Lord?