

7 SIGNS | WATER TO WINE

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SOUTHRIDGE DISCUSSION & PRACTICE GUIDE

01 READ

John calls Jesus' miracles “signs” because, like a road sign, they point to something deeper. At a wedding in Cana, Jesus turns water used for religious washing into the finest wine — a sign he's ushering in a new way of life, one that can't be earned through rituals or rule-keeping, but is freely poured out. It's the first sign that turned his friends into followers, and it raises the same question for us: Will we trust Jesus and do what he says? (Watch [message recap](#).)

“His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ ... Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water’; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, ‘Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.’ They did so.”

John 2:5–8

02 REFLECT

- Signs point to something beyond themselves — they're not the destination, just the direction. Can you think of a time something ordinary pointed you to something bigger?
- Jesus turned water meant for religious washing — water that could never truly clean — into the finest wine. What do you think is the difference between trying to clean yourself compared to letting Jesus do something new in you? How have you experienced this?
- When Mary presented the problem, Jesus' response prioritized his mission over her immediate concern. Have you ever felt like God's timing didn't match your personal sense of urgency? What was that like? How has that shaped your faith?
- It was the servants — not the guests of honour — who witnessed the miracle. Why do you think God often reveals himself uniquely among the overlooked rather than the important?

03 RESPOND

- “Do whatever he tells you”: Identify one area of your life where you've been relying on your own effort to “clean up,” and seek to surrender it to Jesus this week instead.
- Notice the overlooked: Look for one “servant in the backroom” this week — someone easy to overlook — and help make them feel seen.
- Take the [Spiritual Health Reflection](#) from Practicing the Way to help you listen for and consider what Jesus may be inviting you to do in this season of your life.

Come back ready to share where you saw Jesus transform something ordinary this week.