

Sign 1: The Water Becomes Wine

“The Seven Signs of Jesus of Nazareth” Bible Study Series
John 2:1-11

The Hook

1. When was the last time you felt like you were caught completely unprepared?
2. What were the circumstances and what became of the situation?
3. What words would you use to describe Jesus Christ? What have you experienced?
4. If you were God and came to earth, what would you do first to have people believe?

Movie Clip Suggestion: *The Wedding Singer*

This scene shows Adam Sandler as a wedding singer that goes really bad, really fast. This scene will help break the ice for the first study. Your friends probably wouldn't expect a fun film clip at Bible study. How this might relate to feeling completely unprepared for something?

Community Rules for The Seven Signs – Explain and remind at each study

- Ask your questions and choose curiosity
- Be cool with each other
- Answer our questions from the text
- Be open to spiritual growth

Understanding the Message

Read John 2:1-11

5. What would Jesus be like at a party? What would he be doing?
6. What do you think of his being invited to the wedding celebration?
7. How would it feel for the bride and groom to run out of wine at their wedding? (Note: “Woman” is full of affection – not a chauvinistic slam. This is the same word as John 19:26.)

8. How would you feel if you were a steward and took water to the best man?
9. What do you think of Jesus using these “religious” articles to produce the wine?
10. What do the servants get because they acted on Jesus’ words?
11. What is the quality and quantity of this wine? What happens to the party? (Note: The Bridegroom’s testimony is still true today – good beer then lower-end beer.)
12. What is the most glorious thing you have ever experienced? How did it affect you?
13. Who in the text understands the miracle?
14. What do you make of Jesus hiding his signs so that only some see?
15. What is the greater unseen reality Jesus’ 180 gallons of the best wine points to?
 - Jesus’ wine points to the reality of God’s wine being poured out on his people for the forgiveness of sins.
 - Where the six stone jars of religion could never purify, the flowing wine of Jesus completely cleanses.
 - Jesus’ wine comes at the cross.
 - Another unseen reality?
16. What are lessons we can learn from the Sign?
 - Jesus loves being invited into our every day life and he makes great things happen.
 - Jesus changes physical reality to win the trust of his followers.
 - Those who obey Jesus see the glory; those who do not leave ignorant .
 - Jesus’ blood points to God’s overflowing mercy and passion for sinners.
 - Other lessons?

Does It Work?

Tell a story about an area of your life where you have run out wine and Jesus filled that void with his good wine.

Your Story

17. What area of your life are you out of wine in?

18. How can you be like the servants and obey Jesus and see some serious glory?

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19. What is a question about God or the Bible you are thinking about?

20. What is an area of your life you are struggling with I can be praying for?