

## 7. The Wedding in Cana John 2:1-11

### Looking at the text

- 1 Cana was 8 miles north of Nazareth. Nathaniel was also from Cana (John 21:12)
- 2 Three days later.
- 3 Mary and Jesus were invited (Joseph had died? ) Jesus was looking after Mary until his brothers and sisters were older.
- 4 Jesus brings along 5 extra friends -- no wonder the wine ran out!
- 5 Wedding celebrations could last several days.
- 6 Jesus in entrance hall (with his disciples) adjacent to the washing water jars.
- 7 **"Dear woman"** -- polite but distant as "Mam" to Queen. Jesus is longer in old relationship to Mary. Now a rabbi with disciples.
- 8 **"Why do you involve me"**, as in "what business is that of ours"
- 9 Some disciples must have seen this miracle -- note the detail "full to the brim" (is that when the water was changed?)

### Applications

1. Jesus is no killjoy
2. Jesus presents sanctifies marriage. (This passage is mentioned in the Anglican wedding service)
3. Mary's faith. (Did Mary know of Jesus' abilities?)
4. **"My time has not yet come"** -- Jesus' "Hour" see John 12:23 and 17:1
5. Jesus mission -- conversion.(and New Wine -- is mentioned elsewhere)
6. Each jar holding approximately 10 cases of wine -- so 720 bottles in all. God is so generous.
7. The first "Sign" -- verse 11.
8. **"Do what he tells you"** -- always a good idea.
9. Miracles and their effect on faith? -- verse 11.

