

John 2:1-12

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Four steps of the Haverim Method

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John 2:1-7 (NIV)

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman,[a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.[b]

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

John 2:8-12 (NIV)

8 Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”

They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

Step 1

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What seems odd that might be better understood with an increased knowledge of its context?

- Jesus's unusual answer "Why do you involve me? My hour has not yet come."
- That this issue was left for Jesus to solve – hadn't done any miracles / signs yet
- Why providing wine was so important

Intended | P'shat - Context to discover the Point

Who wrote it?

- Apostle John, ‘the disciple whom Jesus loved” (NIV)
- An eyewitness account (John is only gospel claiming to be an eyewitness account)

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Why did they write it?

- Author himself states his main purpose clearly in 20:31

John 20:31 (NIV)

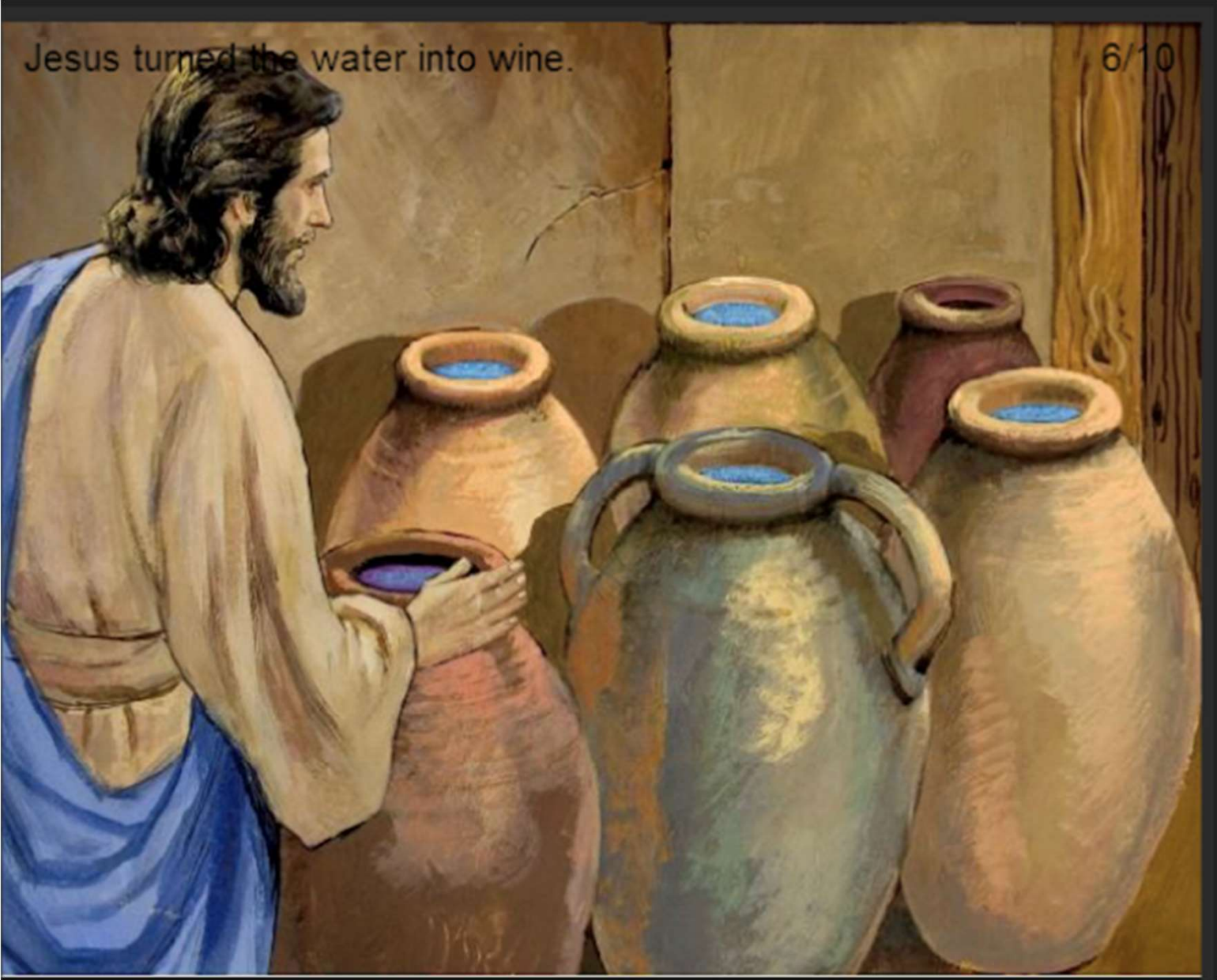
31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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How is it affected by the manners and customs of the day?

- The feast was very important (might go on for a week)
- To fail in proper hospitability was serious offence
- When wine was gone – more than minor social embarrassment, obligation to provide feast of socially required standard
- Jews became ceremonially defiled during normal circumstances of daily life
- They were cleansed by pouring water of the hands
- So large amount of water needed for lengthy feast with many guests

Water pots



Intended | P'shat - Context to discover the Point

What happened to main character(s) before or after the incident?

Jesus

- Before:
 - John the Baptist declared Jesus as the Christ (John 1:29-31)
 - Jesus declared himself as the Christ (John 1:50-51)
- After:
 - Jesus' first sign demonstrating or validating he was the Christ
 - Disciples believed in him

John: 2:11 (NIV)

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What the context taught you about the main point of the passage

- Why running out of wine was such an issue and why it was a bought to Jesus
- Had been testimony that Jesus was the Christ – now demonstration / validation he was
- Miracle appeared to be more discrete – only servants, Mary and disciples knew
- Why? It appears it was deliberate as his 'Time had not yet come' to be fully revealed

Step 2

Implied | R'mez - Connections to discover the Principle

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Is there a pattern to be discovered or a principle to be applied?

- Jesus doesn't just talk about being the Christ, He demonstrates that he is the Christ
- You can go to Jesus with whatever problems you're facing and He has the answers

Implied | R'mez - Connections to discover the Principle

Does the passage refer to another Scripture, story, or prophecy in the Bible?

Does anything referenced here have a meaning elsewhere in Scripture?

John 1:14 NIV

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Put the principle into a sound bite, diagram, or story to share

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Step 3

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Choose the character and verse(s) you want to interpret and ask why they did what they did.

Rewrite the verse(s) in first person.

Include what the character may have been thinking or feeling.

Retell the story, fill in the gaps, but whatever you do, don't change the facts.

Step 4

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What has previously been hidden to me?

- Why Jesus said “dear woman, why do you involve me? My time has not yet come”
- Said this – because he had specific purpose – didn’t want to be revealed publicly yet
- But still wanted to help bridegroom and family – so did discrete miracle
- Also, why helping provide wine was important – avoid embarrassment

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What do You want me to do in response to this passage?

- Go to him with my problems and know that he has the answers
- Realise importance of signs / miracles in helping people believe
- So, keep praying, believing and going after these

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Is there someone to whom I can pass on a message from this passage and how should I do that?

- Yes – at church!

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Share what God said to you and what He inspired you to tell others.

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