

SERIES: I'm Him

MESSAGE TITLE: The Winemaker

MESSAGE OVERVIEW: Let's dig into the first of seven signs in the book of John that prove who Jesus is. John wastes no time and delves right into the incredible truth about Jesus. Not a prophet, a teacher, or a fake, but God in the flesh.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: John 1-2, Isaiah 24:7-11, 25:6-8, Genesis 49

BREAKING IT DOWN:

1. Read John 2:1-11. Directly after the introduction of Jesus as God in John 1, we find him at a wedding, along with his disciples and his mother. Why does his mother tell him the wine is gone? Does she know what he will do? What does she tell the servants? What does this prove about her faith?
2. The servants Jesus commanded to fill the jars with water didn't know who he was. They probably had some questions. But ultimately they did what he said. What did Jesus do with empty jars and the wrong ingredients?
3. In those times, wine was to the wedding what cake is to a birthday party, so it was no small thing to remedy the situation. Making a bad impression at the wedding feast would have been detrimental for the groom. How can this miracle relate to our stories? What can Jesus do in our own impossible circumstances?
4. God can take "empty" and "wrong" and work a miracle for us. He can bring glory out of the most hopeless situations. If we don't know how he plans to work things out, what can we do?

WAYS TO LIVE THE MESSAGE THIS WEEK:

1. Go after "do whatever he says" faith - the Gospel helps us to know Jesus. And knowing him builds our trust. Then we can still find rest in him, even when we don't know what will happen. Get close to Jesus!
2. Taste and see - Being introduced to Jesus through reading the Bible is key, but don't stop there. He is meant to be experienced; they didn't just marvel at the wine, they drank it. Invite him into every part of your life.
3. Faithful in the waiting - God's plans are greater than we can imagine and don't usually fit our timeline or expectations. But we can be certain, even if it's as illogical as filling jars with water when you need wine, there is work for today and lessons of faith to be learned.

