

July 18
Water to Wine

He causes ... plants for man to cultivate,
that he may bring forth food out of the earth:
wine that makes glad the heart of man,
oil to make his face to shine,
and bread that strengthens man's heart. – Psalm 104:14-15

[John 2:1-12, Cana] The third day, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus also was invited, with his disciples, to the marriage. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever he says to you, do it." Now there were six water pots of stone set there after the Jews' way of purifying, containing two or three metretes* apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the water pots with water." They filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the ruler of

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the feast." So they took it. When the ruler of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and didn't know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have drunk freely, then that which is worse. You have kept the good wine until now!" This beginning of his signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After this, he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they stayed there a few days.
[*20 or 30 gallons]

1. Was this Jesus' first miracle? Why did Mary think that he could fix their wine shortage?

2. What has Jesus told you to do? Did you do it or are you doing it now?

3. Jesus, you make me believe in you by having me do things and showing me that...