

## **“Water to Wine”**

**4G: John, the Maverick Gospel (Message 5)**

**John 2:1-11**

### **AT A WEDDING**

*Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited...*  
(John 2:1-2 NIV. Also see Matthew 11:19)

### **AN UNINTENDED START**

*And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4 NRSV).*

### **TO SAVE A FRIEND FROM EMBARRASSMENT**

*"Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5 NIV).*

### **JESUS TURNED WATER INTO WINE.**

*...the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine (John 2:9 NIV).*

### **QUIETLY HE DEMONSTRATED...**

#### **THE EMPTINESS OF RITUAL**

*Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing... (John 2:6 NIV).*

#### **THE FLOOD OF GRACE**

*...each holding from 20 to 30 gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim (John 2:6-7 NIV).*

*From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another (John 1:16 NIV).*

*...and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me... (1 Timothy 1:14 NRSV).*

*Generous to a fault, you lavish your favor... (Psalm 145:16 MSG).*

#### **THE JOY OF TRANSFORMATION.**

*You've saved the best until now (John 2:10 NIV).*

*This was the first of Jesus' signs: it was at Cana in Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him (John 2:11 NJB).*

*I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete (John 15:11 NIV).*

*I have come that they may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10 NIV).*

*Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom (Matthew 26:29 (NLT)).*

*Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: "Praise the Lord! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear." For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he added, "These are true words that come from God." Revelation 19:6-9 NLT)*