

FUSION Q's... John Part 3 – The First Sign

Discussion Questions

Q1. Do you believe miracles can happen? Why or why not? How do you explain unexplainable things that have happened to people? *[What are some unexplainable things you or someone else may know about or have experienced?]*

Read John 2:1-11

In the 1st century, wedding celebrations would often last for days, and running out of food or wine was a major social embarrassment. The host of such a party would have been horrified by the news that the wine was gone. Jesus' intervention would have been an incredible stress-reliever for the host as losing face with his guests would have been extremely disgraceful. Imagine how thankful the host would have been to receive such a miracle on his behalf.

Q2. Why do you think Jesus' mother told him about the wine shortage as it was certainly not his problem (he was not the host)?

Q3. What did Jesus mean when he said it was not his time yet?

Q4. Although it was not his problem, why did Jesus turn the water into wine anyway?

Q5. This was Jesus' first public miracle or sign. Why do you think this "sign" was so important?

[What are signs usually used for... direction – they point us toward something else. In this case the significance of the sign pointed us to the identity of the sign-giver rather than the wonder of the miracle]

Q6. How does a "sign" or miracle reveal Jesus' glory?

Q7. What do you think about Jesus' miracle? Is it hard to believe? Why or why not?

Q8. What difference does it make to how you see Jesus and what he says in light of his ability to do miracles? Does it change the way you think you should live your life? Why or why not?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

John 2:1-11 (NLT)

¹ The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. ³ The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

⁵ But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, ⁸ he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.

⁹ When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. ¹⁰ "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

¹¹ This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

¹² After the wedding he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples.