



Come to Jesus (Part 4) There's a Miracle with Your Name on It Pastor Ryan Bunbury April 28, 2024

SERIES TEXT: "Are you tired? Worn out? **Burned out on religion? COME TO ME.** Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." - Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30 MSG

SERIES BIG IDEA: Come to Jesus.

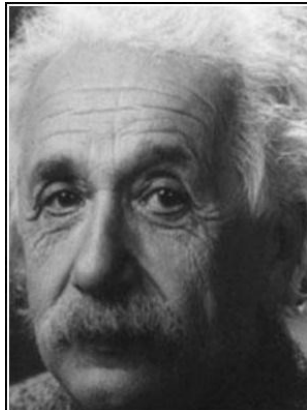
JESUS' personal invitation to come echoes throughout all of Scripture. Today, it even overflows all the way from Jesus' water-to-wine miracle at the wedding in Cana. Be encouraged, there's a miracle with your name on it!

THREE TURNAROUND APPLICATION POINTS FROM JESUS' WATER-TO-WINE MIRACLE

John 2:1-11 (The Passion Translation & *Commentary)

Jesus' Water-To-Wine Miracle

- (1) Now on the THIRD DAY, Jesus' mother went to a wedding feast in the Galilean village of Cana.
 - *A Near Eastern wedding would often last between three and seven days. The "third day" was chosen as a wedding day in ancient Judaism because it is only on the third day of creation that God said, "It was good" twice. Thus, the Jews considered the day twice blessed.
- (2-3) Jesus and his disciples were all invited to the banquet, but with so many guests, **THEY RAN OUT OF WINE. And when Mary realized it, she came to Jesus and asked, "THEY HAVE NO WINE; can't you do something about it?"**
 - *Today we could say, "**Religion has failed and our tradition has run out of wine.**" Running out of wine is a picture of how the joy of this world ultimately runs out.
- (4) Jesus replied, "My dear one, don't you understand that if I do this, it will change nothing for you, but it will change everything for me! My hour of *unveiling my power* has not yet come."
 - *Jesus knew his miracle ministry would come out of hiding by performing a miracle. Yet with Mary's firm faith, Jesus proceeded to do just that.
 - *Your faith accelerates His miracle.
- (5) Mary then went to the servants and told them, "Whatever Jesus tells you, do it!"
- (6) Nearby stood SIX STONE WATER POTS meant to be used for the Jewish washing rituals. Each one could hold about twenty gallons or more.
 - *Six is the number for man, for man was made on the sixth day. These six stone jars could represent man's method and best effort. It is nothing but water. The washing ritual was an outward purification (baptism). Scholars note, "twenty to thirty gallons" (NIV) baptizes us with a turnaround miracle, for $6 \times 30 = 180!$
- (7) Jesus came to the servers and instructed them, "Fill the *pots with water, right up to the very brim.*"
- (8) Then he said, "Now fill your pitchers and take them to the master of ceremonies."
- (9) And when they poured out their pitchers for the master of ceremonies to sample, the water had become wine! When he tasted the water that had become wine, the master of ceremonies was impressed with its quality. (Although he didn't know where the wine had come from, only the servers knew.) He called the bridegroom over



Do you believe in miracles? Well, you should. In fact, life itself is a big miracle. There are so many things that are beyond our understanding. There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle; you can live as if everything is a miracle.

— Albert Einstein —

(10) and said to him, “Every host serves his best wine first, until everyone has had a cup or two, then he serves the cheaper wine. But you, my friend, you’ve reserved the most exquisite wine until now!”

*Jesus delights in your joy more than you know. It is never His will to withhold His abundance. Today, He offers you a death-to-life, mourning-to-dancing, despair-to-praise, water-to-wine miracle.

(11) The miracle in Cana was the **first of the many** extraordinary miracles Jesus performed in Galilee that revealed his glory, and his disciples BELIEVED IN HIM.

*Jesus’ extraordinary miracles are signs and messages that always point to a greater reality – Salvation in Him.

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I. **BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF JESUS**

- Just as the servants at the wedding obeyed Jesus’ instructions to fill the six stone pots with water, we too must trust in His authority and power to bring about water-to-wine miracles in our lives.
 - *The Lesson:* When you have faith in Jesus, you open yourself up to experiencing His miraculous work.
 - *Jesus, I believe you can do a turnaround miracle in my*
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II. **OBEDIENCE LEADS TO BLESSING**

- The servants followed Jesus’ command even though it seemed illogical at the time. Their obedience paved the way for the water-to-wine miracle to happen.
 - *The Lesson:* When you obey Jesus’ teachings, you position yourself to receive blessings beyond imagination.
 - *Jesus, I’m sorry for being disobedient at times. Please help me be more obedient with*
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III. **EXPECT MIRACLES**

- Jesus performed this miracle not because the wedding party demanded it, but because He saw an opportunity to reveal his turnaround glory.
 - Your faith and expectation create an environment for God’s miraculous power to be manifested.
 - *The Lesson: **We cannot expect a new-wine miracle with an old wineskin mindset.***
 - “And who pours new wine into an old wineskin? If someone did, the old wineskin would burst and the new wine would be lost. New wine must always be poured into new wineskins. Yet you say, ‘The old ways are better,’ and you refuse to even taste the new wine that I bring.” - Jesus, Luke 5:37-39 (TPT)
 - You May Have an Old Wineskin Mindset If:
 - 1) You think the “good old days” and old ways are better.
 - 2) You refuse to embrace the new way of doing things.
 - Do I have an old wineskin mindset? Is any part of my thinking holding me back from experiencing a turnaround miracle? What is Jesus asking me to surrender to Him?
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- Change your thinking, change your life. | Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Romans 12:2a NIV

Salvation Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus’ Name, Amen