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Sermon Notes – ‘Miracles – Water into wine’

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- Given that Jesus chose a wedding with which to begin his ministry and all of human history will conclude with a wedding (Rev 19:7-9), what is it about ‘weddings’ that carry such spiritual significance? (See also Luke 14:15—24).

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- Why did you think Jesus choose a wedding in which to initiate his new apprentices (disciples) as opposed to the wilderness (spiritual retreat) or the synagogue (intensive Bible study)?
- What is Mary’s role at the wedding and what is going on in her dialogue with her 30yr old son v3-5?
- John is very specific in recording the number of water jars, how much they contain and the fact that Jesus wanted them filled to the brim. Why?
- How do you think the servants might have reacted to filling them up when the issue was lack of wine not lack of water? (Remember Jesus had never done a miracle up to this point).
- How do you think the servants felt when they took the water out of the stone water jars into a chalice and presented it to the master of the banquet?
- What deeper significance does the quality of the wine convey – ‘choice wine’ not just cheap plonk?
- Have there been ‘signs’ in your life that brought about a revelation of God’s glory?

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- How does he invite us today to partner with him in bringing forth the work of his Kingdom?

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