

John 2 ??? Part 5

Description

They have no wine

John 2 is the account where Jesus turns water into wine. It is an account where we find that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was concerned because the wine had run out.

Are we in this desperate situation where our wine has run out? If so, what are we going to do about it?

In John 2:3 Mary informs Jesus of the situation and Mary's concern became Jesus's concern. Mary was convinced that Jesus was the answer and would solve the problem. The fact that the wine had run out was neither Mary or Jesus's concern. They were not the organisers or the hosts, they did not need to get involved and could have just left the situation to deteriorate and let the guests disperse. What do we do when the wine runs out? Who, what or where do we turn? Mary turned to Jesus. Would we do the same?

The scene that we have here in John 2 is that the guests are assembled, ready and expecting to receive wine and there is none, the wine has run out. How many times do we have people around us whose wine has run out, those friends and colleagues who have no connection to God through Jesus Christ or those who are in situations that require God to intervene or those who just need someone to demonstrate God's unfailing love. Some of these people may have never known Christ, their wine hasn't run out because they have never been filled with the new wine of the gospel in the first place. So here we have a situation that requires someone to take the initiative. Mary did just that, she raised her concern with Jesus. We need to have that kind of concern for the lost and the lonely, for those who have never tasted the new wine of the kingdom. We also equally need to have that kind of concern for those who have tasted the new wine of the kingdom but their supply has been restricted or stopped for whatever reason.

What we see Mary do is to get alongside the waiters and say "whatever He says do it". Mary had come to realise that she could do very little but what she could do was, just like John the Baptist, Andrew and Philip in John 1, she could point out Jesus. Mary used her experience of Jesus for the wider good, she was not put off by Jesus's lack of enthusiasm. She knew what was needed and had the courage of her convictions (not commitment) to point out Jesus. Sometimes all that is needed is for us to point out the Son of God and let Him do the rest.

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