

The power of a sign: a wedding, some wine and the glory of Jesus
(John 2.1-12; 12-06-20am)

Central Thought: Signs are not for show; they are for pointing to Jesus as the One who was sent by God

I. The setting: when a dialogue reveals who's in charge (1-5)

A. A normal wedding (1-2)

B. A new word of authority (3-5)

II. The sign: when making wine also makes believers (6-11)

A. Turning law into grace (6-8)

B. Turning custom on its head (9-10)

C. Turning followers into believers (11)

1. The power of the sign – manifest the glory of Jesus

2. The purpose of the sign – make believers out of followers

III. The summary

1. In our curiosity about the story, don't miss the act of grace

2. The emphasis on serving the best wine last, highlights that Jesus came to make things new (cf. Is.25)

3. There are no exceptions to the Lordship-relationship of Jesus

4. When Jesus speaks, He speaks w/absolute authority