



How to Obey Jesus' Words

John 2:1-5

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5—ESV).

During a wedding feast in Cana, when the wine ran out the steward needed more, and when Mary learned about the problem, she asked her Son for help. After speaking to Jesus, she commanded the servants, "Do whatever Jesus tells you." Jesus quietly worked through the servants at the wedding feast to perform the first of His signs as recorded by John. Exactly as Mary had commanded them, they obeyed Jesus explicitly. When Jesus told them to use the six stone water jars that the Jews set apart for the Jewish rites of purification, they did not object and used all of them. When Jesus commanded, "Fill the jars with water," they "filled them to the brim;" not halfway or partway full. They obeyed Jesus completely. When Jesus told them to draw some of the wine out of the jars and take it to the steward, they obeyed immediately. After the steward tasted the water changed to wine, he honored the bridegroom before his guests by saying, "You have kept the good wine until now." The bridegroom received the honor when the steward commended him for serving the best wine at the last and the festivities continued uninterrupted. Jesus' miracle met everyone's needs, and Jesus "revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him." Jesus performed His miracle by speaking the Word, just as He was the Word with God when God created the world through Him. Jesus worked His miracle through the servants who obeyed His words. Just as Jesus transformed the water into wine, so Jesus seeks to transform people into servants who will explicitly and completely obey God. Just as Jesus made the water into something new to bless those at the wedding, so Jesus will make all who believe in Him new so He can bless them and others through them. All those who become Jesus' true disciples eventually learn to do immediately whatever Jesus tells them, and they know that by doing so many will be helped in this world and be prepared to meet Jesus when He returns as He promised.