

Jesus Christ Gives Signs Today
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John 2:1-12
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“Jesus’ mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you’” (John 2:5).

Though the problem might not seem serious to us, and from our point of view seem less serious to God, the Bible reported a serious event at a wedding feast – the celebrants ran out of wine. The bridegroom faced serious consequences if he failed to provide what was expected and needed at his wedding banquet. When the wine failed, Mary went immediately to Jesus. She so trusted in His willingness to help others in need that she told the servers at the banquet, “Do whatever he tells you.” Jesus told the servants to fill six ceremonial water jars with water and take some to the headwaiter. After the headwaiter tasted the water which had now turned into wine, he praised the bridegroom for serving the best wine last. To honor the bridegroom, bride, their families and wedding guests, Jesus did not turn the attention away from the bridegroom and the bride to himself as a miracle worker. Only the servants, Jesus’ disciples, along with His mother and brothers, saw this miracle, which Jesus performed as the first sign that He was the Messiah. Faith in Jesus is never misplaced. No real need of anyone is insignificant to Jesus. No matter how small or insignificant a real need may seem to us, we can take it to Jesus. He will meet all of our real needs. As faithful servants, whenever we do whatever Jesus tells us, we can depend upon it: we will also be helping others. Even though no one except Jesus and us know that God has worked a miracle, we may see miracles of Jesus today, signs that Jesus Christ is everything the Bible teaches about Him. — L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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Thinking Further

1. From John 1:35-52, what are some of the names or titles that John the Baptist and Jesus' first disciples called Jesus?

2. From these names, which ones mean the most to you personally? Give a reason for your answer.

3. What might be the significance of Jesus accepting the invitation and taking His disciples to a wedding soon after He called them?

4. Do you think Jesus did what His mother wanted because she was His mother and His mother asked Him? Who did Jesus say were His mother and brothers?

5. What are some of the results when people obey Jesus immediately and completely?