



BUT WHERE DOES THIS GOOD WINE COME FROM?

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Andrew, Peter, Philip, Nathanael... that means something to you. Yes! These are Slide 2 the first four disciples of Jesus. In our last talk we saw Slide 3 how they met Jesus and how immediately they wanted to follow him. John the Baptist had told them:

Slide 4 - Look, he is the Lamb of God, the promised savior.

But for most people, Slide 5 the people of Nazareth for example, Slide 6 who was Jesus? Now, he was just the son Slide 7 of Mary and Joseph the carpenter.

Jesus will begin to make known Slide 8 who He really is.

Slide 9 How is He going to do it? Well, that's what I'm going to tell you now.

We are going to attend Slide 10 a big party that almost went wrong.

At the end of the story you will be able to answer the question: Slide 11 What is a miracle?

Slide 12 WHAT IS THE FIRST MIRACLE THAT JESUS DID?

Slide 13 In recent days, there has been a lot of coming and going in Cana. Slide 14

Cana is a village seven or eight kilometers from Nazareth, the city where Jesus grew up. Everyone is very busy.

Moms roast Slide 15 chickens, lamb legs, and fish. They prepare Slide 16 all kinds of vegetables. The kitchens smell Slide 17 the smell of good food and pastry. The baskets are overflowing Slide 18 with grapes, dates, oranges, figs, and the dishes are full of cakes with honey, raisins, almonds, and of course, Slide 19 the water and wine are provided.

Slide 20 The tables are beautifully decorated with flowers.

The meal planner is responsible for making sure nothing is missing.

They want to welcome Slide 21 the family, neighbors and Slide 22 friends of the bride and groom with dignity. And yes! It's a wedding.

Mary, the mother of Jesus is invited, Slide 23 Jesus and his disciples too.

So many people! Slide 24 It's a really successful wedding. The party has been going on for several days, there is music, songs. The children are having fun, Slide 25 the bride and groom are happy, everyone is happy.

But behind the scenes, **Slide 26** it's panic. The servants don't know what to do anymore.

Slide 27 - There is no more wine and the wedding is not over! What will the guests think!

Slide 28 What a shame for us and for the groom if we give them water to drink.

They are looking for a solution but there is none.

They talk **Slide 29** to Marie about it, she is very sorry but she can't do anything.

However, she approaches **Slide 30** Jesus and says to him:

- Jesus, **Slide 31** they have no more wine, please do something.

- But now is not the time! Jesus answers her.

She goes to the servants and says to them:

Slide 32 - Do whatever Jesus tells you!

Jesus looks; there are **Slide 33** six amphorae there that are empty. They are huge vases.

Slide 34 - Fill those amphorae with water! said Jesus.

Slide 35 The servants obey; they fill the six large vases with water.

Slide 36 - Now, he tell them, take some of that water and **Slide 37** take it to the meal planner for him to taste!

Slide 38 They do exactly what Jesus tells them. They take some water and take it to the meal planner.

The meal planner tastes, but, **Slide 39** it's not water, it's wine... it's excellent, better than the one they had drunk before. He doesn't know what has happened. **Slide 40** But where does this good wine come from? Had the groom hid it somewhere?

Slide 41 - Usually, he says to the groom, we serve the good wine at the start of the meal and we save the regular wine for the end, but you, on the contrary, **Slide 42** you have saved the best wine for the end!

Slide 43 The disciples and the servants who drew the water know what has happened; they are witnesses of the miracle that Jesus has just performed. He has turned water into wine.

Slide 44 This is Jesus' first miracle.

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Slide 46 *Changing water into wine? Who can do this? No man, you agree with me. The disciples understood that they had just witnessed witness a miracle.*

Slide 47 *So what is a miracle? Well, **Slide 48** this is an amazing fact that cannot be explained, that requires **Slide 49** intervention from God.*

Do you remember that Jesus **Slide 50** said to Nathanael: **Slide 51** "You will see great things"? On the day of this wedding we can say that they saw something great, glorious. This is the first miracle that Jesus did, but the disciples will see many more. Miracles that demonstrate the power of Jesus over nature but also miracles in the lives of people and children.

Besides, in our next story, we'll see what He's going to do for a sick young boy.

But **Slide 52** why do you think **Slide 53** Jesus did all these miracles?

Yes, He wants to show **Slide 54** that He is Almighty **Slide 55** and that He loves men, women, and also children. So you too!

Slide 56 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

Even today, Jesus has all power over nature. He can change situations, the natural course of things, evil for good, anxiety into peace. In a sad and broken heart, a bland and tasteless life, He can work a miracle: bring his peace and his joy, true joy.

At the end of the account of the wedding at Cana, the apostle John wrote that Jesus manifested his glory **Slide 57** and that his disciples believed in Him. **Slide 58** And do you believe in Him?

You can read **Slide 59** this account again with your children at the beginning of the 2nd chapter of the Gospel of John. I wish you happy reading with your family!

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