

# sunnysidechurch

## Seeing the signs

### God's care for the seemingly trivial and mundane

- God is involved and takes delight in every-day affairs
- Acknowledge him with you in every ordinary moment

### Mary's call to "trust and obey"

- Model for prayer: straightforward, direct.
- Confident Jesus able to help.
- Knew Jesus would respond
- Mary showed trust: "do what Jesus tells you."
- Not to obey her, but Christ

### Wedding as context for first sign of Jesus' power and glory.

- Affectionate reply: "not time yet"... but he does respond.
- Jesus time table not as ours. Set by God.
- Importance of covenant of marriage in social context
- Celebration in community. Leaders, teachers invited.
- Generous hospitality over seven days.
- New relationship. New beginnings
  - Revelation 19: Marriage supper of the Lamb
  - Ephesians 5:31 recalls Genesis 2:24
- Paul applies this to Christ and the church
- Covenant of love.
  - Wedding between man and woman
  - Communion, between God and humankind
- Importance of being prepared for the wedding

### Signs and our response

- Too many on our street and roads

- Helpful, intimidating or not seen?
- John records seven signs for one purpose
  - *John 2:11* Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.
  - First insight to Jesus' divinity, authority and power.
- Seven signs shows Jesus power over...
  - substance; space; time; need; nature; darkness; death.

### Theology of water and wine

- Jars for purification in place. Used for ritual cleansing
  - 6 jars at 25 gallons water => 1000 bottles as we know them!
  - Detail not important: God's over-abundant provision.
- Evidence of the old Law: rules of Leviticus 11-15
- Jesus re-purposed old teaching of the **Law** into new teaching of **Grace**
- Mary : "They have no wine" - being emptied of God's joy.
  - No word from God's prophets for 400 years
  - Transformation into wine speaks of the joy of new faith.
- Wine pre-empts Jesus' death.
  - Blood at cross signified by wine at Communion
  - Water of Baptism: Romans 6:4

### Application for us:

- Jesus' transforming power. Showing God at work.
- Jesus' creative power. He provides our needs.
- Signs prove that Jesus is Messiah. John 20:30-31
- Mary calls us to trust and obey (for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus...)
- Trust Jesus for salvation and life, peace and grace In horror of all that is going wrong in our world