

*On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the **mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."** John 2:1-3 ESV*

Consider a significant feast or celebration event in your family or culture where friends, family and neighbours are invited to join you. Then the unthinkable **happens ...** you run out of food or beverages! It is a disaster! Your family will face public humiliation as they have not provided sufficiently for the occasion.

This was exactly what happened in this story. They had run out of wine in the middle of the wedding celebrations. The family was clearly out of options, so Mary turned to Jesus for help. She appealed to Him to do something; then instructed the servants to do whatever He told them. Remember, He had not performed any miracles yet. He had, however, been baptised and had the Holy Spirit come upon Him.

Mary believed in Him and seemed confident that Jesus could do something to rescue the situation. And Jesus did not disappoint. The sign He performed was similar to one of the early signs of Moses when he drew water from the Nile and it turned to blood on dry ground (Exodus 4:9). In turning regular water into wine, He proved that He had power over nature. The Bible says in doing this sign Jesus showed His glory and this caused His disciples to believe in Him.

Instead of public humiliation, the wedding party received praise. The expectation of a joyous celebration of marriage was achieved!

Do we believe Jesus will help us in our situations of desperate need?

- 1) What does this passage teach us about God? How does it apply to you?
- 2) Do you think Jesus is interested in your happiness?
- 3) Is there a situation you're facing which needs a miracle of provision?

Based on today's reading, what is one thing God is saying to you?