

Gospel II Sunday Ordinary Time
16th January 2022. Cycle C



WE TOAST LOVE



WITH THE WINE OF LIFE

SETTINGS

We contemplate in Cana the wonders that the God of Life manifests in his Son as closeness, as a concretion of reality, as love made man and woman. Wedding, celebration of a love project in the happening of each day. Joy, feast, jubilee, life that is touched, sanctification of water in wine.

A woman attentive to what is happening, to what is being celebrated, with the detail that “wine is lacking” and the intervention, encouraging Jesus to be. This gesture invites us all to be attentive, to do what He tells us.

This is our mission, in every day, to be manifesting the message that God wants to convey to us, on whom He has always fixed his eyes, you and I, we.

SONG. Mother of humanity - Ixcis (Official Lyric Video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMRnWggIB2E>

GOSPEL – John 2:1-11

“On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. And they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the feast had all been used, and the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine. Jesus said, 'Woman, what do you want from me? My hour has not come yet. His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. Then he said to them, 'Draw some out now and take it to the president of the feast. They did this; the president tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from -- though the servants who had drawn the water knew -- the president of the feast called the bridegroom and said, 'Everyone serves good wine first and the worse wine when the guests are well wined; but you have kept the best wine till now. This was the first of Jesus' signs: it was at Cana in Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.”

We deepen the Gospel

We must get used to the way of writing of John the Evangelist! He says the important things between the lines! For John, the first "sign" (as he says) of Jesus at Cana is very important: he alone evokes the great mystery of God's plan for humanity. Creation Mystery, Covenant Mystery, Wedding Mystery. What we call the Prologue in John, that is to say: the entire first part of the first chapter, is a great meditation on that mystery. The text that tells us about the miracle of Cana is exactly the same meditation but, this time, in the form of a story. It is as if these two texts, at the beginning of the gospel, should introduce us to the understanding of everything that is going to follow later.

Let us therefore read the narration of the wedding at Cana in the light of the Prologue. What is in common between the two? Well, the events that make up the week of “inauguration” of the public life of Jesus: life that begins with John the Baptist on the edge of the Jordan where the Pharisees came to question him about his mission and here, John the Baptist announces the coming of Jesus. The next day, John the Baptist enjoys the deep joy of seeing Jesus coming to him and John recognizes that Jesus is “the Son of God” who baptizes in the Holy Spirit. The next day, it is Juan who specifies things as if he wanted to say “there was an afternoon; there was a morning”. New meeting at the water's edge: this time it is two of John the Baptist's disciples who leave their group to follow Jesus and Jesus invites them to spend the afternoon near him. The next day Jesus goes to Galilee, accompanied by some disciples. And it is there, in Galilee, **three days** later, when the miracle of Cana takes place: The evangelist John begins his account of the wedding in Cana by saying “on the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee”. Surely we are tempted to count these days from the beginning to the end and thus we will

arrive at the “seventh day”; **the evocation of a week, of a “seventh day” always sends us to the end of Creation.**

This is a wedding! This is the way of saying that God's creative project is, ultimately, a wedding project.

This is also the reason why the word **“Hour”** in John is so important: **it is about the Hour where God's project is definitely realized in Jesus Christ.** And this is what Jesus thinks when he says to Mary: “Woman, what have I to do with you? My hour has not yet come”. Visibly his concerns went beyond the material problem that the lack of wine supposed: **Jesus does not lose sight of his mission: to carry out God's wedding with humanity.**

Jesus is faced alone with the great question about his mission: What must he do to carry out this mission concretely? Must he manifest that he is the Son of God? Finally, Jesus ends up turning the water into wine in order to make the guests happy. Which means that the Son of God only works miracles to make human beings happy. So... **“Do what He tells you!”**

Clues for prayer

1. We contemplate the behaviour of Jesus with his mother, Mary. What can this mean? How do you interpret it?
2. Jesus goes on discovering little by little how He has to carry out what He has is called to. What is your call-mission to what Jesus calls you?
3. In your daily life, how do you live “Do whatever He tells you”?

WHAT YOU TELL US _____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. The Man of Loaves&Fishes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iB_20fraff4

FILL THE JARS

Do what He tells you.

Listen and take a good look,
see out of everything, what is needed.

“They have no wine...”

Something is missing here, the spark is missing.

Put the wine, be new wine.

The fundamental ingredient is love.

Do what He tells you,

prepare the water, be water;

transform it into wine.

Communicate life to it,

live the moment,

generate opportunity.

Do what He tells you;

strengthen your heart
to be able to strengthen others.
Do what He tells you;
fix your gaze on what is essential,
to find the moment
and the opportunity to be.
Do what He tells you;
listen to the cries,
that they be someone, in us.
Do what He tells you;
put your hands,
welcome everyone.
Do what He tells you;
direct your steps
where the other needs you.
Do what He tells you;
lend your words
to generate encounters.
Do what He tells you;
let yourself be carried away by the heart,
humanizing people,
lives, situations, processes.
Do what He tells you;
contribute your talent,
to generate knowledge,
that enables progress,
human quality.
May your good sense,
transform the way
and make it more genuine,
more ours, more fraternal,
closer.
Let's do what He does.

THANKS – Do whatever He may tell you - Salome Arricibita

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAskZsJNqtw>

CANA – Ain Karem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7udLLv3JgEU>



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