

## “Jesus: the Son of Man”

The Vine Series... John 15:5

### SCRIPTURE

John 2: 1-11 (NIV)

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**Subject Question:** What does John's description of Jesus teach us concerning the Humanity of Christ?

**Compliment answer:** Jesus is Sensitive to our needs, Jesus is sensitive to our faith, and Jesus is sensitive to His call.

**Big Idea:** John's description of Jesus concerning the Humanity of Christ teaches us that Jesus is Sensitive to our needs, Jesus is sensitive to our faith, and Jesus is sensitive to His call.

**Homiletical Idea:** “God is understanding”

**Purpose:** I want the congregation to consider for themselves that Jesus is aware of their needs, understanding of their faith, and intent on having His place of prominence in our lives.

**Introduction:** This is the second in a series that we will be exploring concerning the passage in John's gospel where Jesus states, *I am the vine, you are the branches, He who abides in me and I in them, He it is who bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.* We will be looking at what it means to be “abide-ers” in this series. We continue our study by considering the

Humanity of Christ. How does the wedding of Cana teach us that Jesus understands and empathizes with us as human beings? And more how does the title “Son of Man” play into His commitment to not only all humanity, but to each one of us individually as His brothers or sisters in the faith?

“Son of Man”

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Jesus uses this name often for himself. It not only emphasizes His human nature, which enabled him to die for his people, but also refers to the heavenly, messianic figure known from Daniel’s vision who is invested with universal authority on behalf of God’s saints—a second and last Adam (Daniel 7:13, 14; Matthew 8:20) Accordingly, Christ has begun to fulfill the Daniel 7:13, 14 prophecy that the Son of Man would come and reign over the earth.

(Jesus became human for us... for you...for me)

- A. Jesus is Sensitive to our needs (Vs.1-3) *On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”* What’s the big deal about poor planning...? It certainly wasn’t Jesus’ problem. I mean it’s just more of an embarrassment than a tragedy!
- B. Maybe that’s the crux of the story. Jesus is surrounded by family and friends at a joyful, joy-filled time. Everyone is happy...except
- C. Except the Groom who would never hear the end of such a social blunder. Much less the Bride who whose wedding day would be remembered more for what was missing than the wondrous event that it was supposed to be. And what about the families...sure people would understand. Over time. But how embarrassing it is to have such a small thing ruin such a joyous occasion. Or maybe the truth of the matter, they only could afford so much wine and it certainly hadn’t lasted. Naw, it wasn’t Jesus’ problem to fix...unless of course, he wanted to.
- D. What’s amazing about the story isn’t just that Jesus is going to change the water into wine, but that Jesus was and is sensitive to the little things in the lives of His family and friends, as well as the big things. Perhaps the lesson of the story is really the invitation to come by His side, big concerns, little concerns—His becoming human was for us, not just for

him. There indeed is nothing too big or too small that Jesus is not sensitive to in our lives.

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- A. Jesus is sensitive to our faith. (vs.4-5) <sup>4</sup>*“Woman,<sup>[a]</sup> why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.”* <sup>5</sup>*His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”* Notice that Mary did not take affront at Jesus not acting at the moment. She remained confident that Jesus could act and would act. How else do we explain her basically ignoring Jesus’ rebuke and telling the servants “to do whatever he says.”
- B. I don’t think that she necessarily thought Jesus was going to do what he ended up doing in changing the water into wine—she may have thought He was going to send the disciples out to a neighbors to buy some more wine—.She may have thought that Jesus had a lot of connections and maybe he knew where he could get some more wine in a hurry. Who knows? But the truth of the story is she did know that Jesus was somehow the key to solving this situation. She had been there as he had grown up—she had noticed the goodness and the decency and the sensitivity of this boy who had now become a man—this gracious and compassionate human being who she not only loved, but had grown to admire.
- C. She had a faith based on His character that convinced her that Jesus would do something. In her eyes He was too good of “a person” not to. And of course that leaves you and I to wonder, how much we have really gotten to know Jesus as not only the magnificent, Holy Son of God, but also the caring and considerate, very human, Son of Man, who came into this world not just to save a few but to save me.
- D. How much have we allowed ourselves to get to the point in our lives of not only knowing that He is sensitive to our needs, but He is sensitive to our faith? How much like Mary does the story teach is that we should and can live expecting Jesus to do something—he’s too good of a person not to?

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- A. Jesus is sensitive to His calling. (vs. 5-11) <sup>6</sup>*Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.<sup>[b]</sup>* <sup>7</sup>*Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to*

the brim. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” <sup>11</sup> *What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.*

## “The Water into Wine”

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This miracle signifies the transformation of the old order associated with Moses (symbolized by the stone water jars used for ceremonial washing) into the new (the wine standing for eternal life in God’s kingdom) through Jesus Christ. The abundant fruitfulness of vines and wine was to be characteristic of the coming new creation in the latter days (e.g. Hosea 2:22, Joel 2:19; 24; 3:18, Amos, 9:13-14, Zech.9:17). Those at the wedding celebration who knew that the wine had come from Jesus and who had eyes to see would have realized that the end time new creation was breaking through Him.

- B. The miracle itself is quite symbolic as is the term “Son of Man.” Very Prophetic, Very eschatological in nature. But to be honest, the real story within the story is the reality that Jesus was very human in His relationship with you and me, knowing and sensitive to our needs and our faith. But he also had a clear understanding of His place and His calling in His relationship with and for His Heavenly father.
- C. Needs and miracles serve the same purpose. *What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.*
- D. Every miracle, every touch, our ongoing and growing relationship with Christ, all point to the reality that Jesus Christ came to this earth on a mission. And as we walk this earthly life, this very human life, we are invited to join Jesus in His calling. 1 Timothy 2 states: *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men,<sup>[a]</sup> Christ*

*Jesus,<sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time*

(Jesus became human for us... for you... for me and for others)