

Do Whatever He Tells You

The changing of water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana was the first miracle that our Lord performed. Jesus was invited to the wedding along with his mother and disciples. The purpose of the miraculous sign was to reveal Jesus' divine glory, so that we may believe in him. Yet we may also learn from Mary's example and the advice she gave to the servants.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:1-5)

Let's consider, first of all, Mary's kindness and generosity. She was quick to notice that a problem had arisen. The wine had finished. Now she was only a guest at the wedding, and it was not her responsibility to solve the problem. Yet she took the initiative to help the newly-wedded couple. Thank God for people like Mary. They are not preoccupied with their own self-interests, neither are they prone to grumble and criticize whenever things go wrong. Rather, they are always ready to give a helping hand whenever the need arises, not least by praying to the Lord for others.

But what could Mary do in this crisis? Very simply, she turned to her Son Jesus and told him about the problem: "They have no more wine." What she could not do, certainly Jesus could. Though his initial response may seem rather harsh, Jesus answered her prayer.

Some people wrongly use this passage to justify the non-biblical practice of praying to Mary (who is now with the Lord in heaven) and other departed saints. We notice, however, that this passage says nothing about praying to the dead. On the contrary, we should follow *Mary's example and seek the Lord in prayer* for our temporal and spiritual needs. Even though our Lord is not physically present with us, we believe he can hear and answer all our prayers because he is the omniscient and omnipotent God.

Finally, Mary's instruction to the servants remains relevant to us today. "Do whatever he tells you." It is significant that the last words spoken by Mary recorded in the Bible is an advice to heed the Word of Jesus. It will be well with us if we hear the Word of our Lord, obey His commandments, and listen to his invitation to every weary and burdened soul, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

I appeal to you who love the mother of our Lord to listen to her advice. Have you been trusting in her to bring you safe to heaven? Please, hear her words: Do whatever Jesus says! Come to Jesus by faith, and rest your salvation in His almighty hands. He, who could create the best wine by the power of His will, can also make you a new creation and fill your heart with everlasting joy.