

Wedding at Cana 2012

John 2: 1-11

### **Putting God/ Jesus into life**

#### **The old has gone the new has come**

This bottle – Charmat (Shar mah)

Making bubbly wine

1. Inject Co2
2. Charmat - vat fermentation
3. Trad Method Method Champenoise – bottle fermentation
4. Transfer Method

Last week Jesus said you will see heaven open and Angels ascending and descending to Nathanael

In the first half of John's Gospel we see Jesus doing what He told Nathanael he would do.

Heaven opens and Gods glory is revealed

The wedding of Cana was the 1<sup>st</sup> of his miraculous signs.

And Cana is the town Nathanael came from

Jesus was there and saved the day. In Jewish culture it was an absolute disgrace to run out of wine.

Throughout John's gospel we have signs that the **old has gone the new has come.**

The old ways gone the new ways are here

Jesus changes things

Water into wine

The old water jars were needed because of the Jewish purification rites// laws

The old purification laws are gone, in comes the new wine of the Kingdom of God.

Two challenges here:

Do we hold onto old laws, old ways that inhibit the new wine of the Kingdom?

Maybe we have the attitude of a certain Minister.

He always preached on the Old Testament. A little girl came up to him and said why is it you always preach on the Old Testament?

MY Dear as with many authors the 1<sup>st</sup> book is better than the sequel.

The second challenge is are there things in our lives that need changing from water to wine?

Ask God to change you.

AND remember he can take the ordinary and make it special

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Now back to the bubbly

WE need the three ingredients to make it work

The grapes – base wine as they call it

Sugar – and yeast

If we are the grapes

And we call the sugar -- love

And the yeast – we think of as God then we have the spiritual fermentation process

Mt 13:33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

The old base wine goes and after time (few weeks if Charmat, 15 months if champagne )

WE have a new you.

Adding the sugar of LOVE

The yeast of GOD

Gives a new you

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If you are feeling a bit flat then put in a bit more sugar – put more love in and the process goes on the yeast – God, feeds off this more sugar and we get more bubbles.

I think this works in life if you are feeling a bit flat then try reaching out in love to others and it strengthens you

I’m no expert but I believe they do this in making bubbly add more sugar calling Liquor de dosage.

For some folk it’s as basic as adding Jesus into their lives for the first time at the confirmation this evening we will hear testimony of this.

In the wedding feast there were 6 barrels imperfect / incomplete number - 6 in Jewish thought 666 is the mark of the Devil/Satan

but add Jesus in you get 7 a perfect number

The old imperfect has gone.

## **The old has gone the new has come**

The new has come with Jesus in our lives and heaven breaking through. The new wine of the KINGDOM is here.

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Mt 9:14 Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

Mt 9:15 Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

Mt 9:16 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse.

Mt 9:17 Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved