



Introduction

Viral videos are watched and talked about by people every day. Conversations commonly begin these days by asking someone if they saw a certain video. In Jesus' day there were no video recordings, but there were still moments that made news of him spread throughout the region. This series is a look at some of those moments and a chance to see what it would take for news of Jesus to again go viral in our day.

Discussion Questions

1. Describe some videos that you think most of you have seen at one time? What makes a video so popular that seemingly everyone sees it?
2. What kinds of things do you think made the stories of Jesus spread so rapidly during his life and ministry?
3. Read John 2:1-11. What does it say about Jesus that he and his disciples were invited to this wedding? Why does Mary get involved? Why does it look like Jesus is reluctant to get involved?
4. A Jewish engagement was for at least a year. One of the reasons for that was for preparations to be made for the wedding which would include feasting for several days. Why would it have been a big deal for them to run out of wine?
5. Why do you think there is so much material written by modern Christians about whether this wine Jesus made was alcoholic or not? How is the drinking debate around this passage a case of missing the point? What is the point or why did Jesus get involved?
6. What was Mary's advice to the servants? In the sermon Jeremy said that in most miracles there are at least 2 things in play – Jesus' work and faith. How does faith impact a miracle? What faith did the servants demonstrate in this example?
7. One of the misconceptions that people often have about God is that He looks down on fun or celebration. What does Jesus' involvement at this wedding teach us about God? In what ways can you recognize or thank God for joyful things you experience this week?

Shaping Your Mind – *John 2:5 "...do whatever he tells you."*