



Filling Empty Water Pots, John 2:1-11

Filling Pots

- **John 12:32 ESV**, “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”
 - Lifted up = to move from lower to higher, elevate, exalt
 - Exalt = hold (someone or something) in very high regard; think or speak very highly of
- This is the purpose of Spokane First Baptist Church
- He was lifted up on the cross for us can we do less than lift Him up to our communities?

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- In his gospel letter the Apostle John is addressing second generation believers and beyond
- John is a first-generation believer and eyewitness
- He has been teaching, preaching, and leading the church for 30-40 years
- He's watched the church explode in number and sensed the direction it was heading
- He's had a lot of time to contemplate what events to write about
- He chooses his words and events carefully to highlight Jesus, the Son of God

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- **John 1:1-2 ESV**, 1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God.
- He gives us his theme and reason from writing
 - **John 20:30-31 ESV**, 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
- The first sign John tells us about is at a wedding Jesus attended and some simple water pots

Scripture

- **John 2:1-11 ESV**, 1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." 4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Scripture

- **John 2:1-11 ESV**, 8 Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, 9 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 10 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.” 11 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.

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- There are so many part of this sign that we could look at this morning
 - Why was Jesus, his mother, and disciples invited?
 - Why was Mary so involved with a sense of failure?
 - What did Mary expect Jesus to do?
 - Why did Jesus talk to His mother like this?
- What I want to focus on this morning is the water pots and the servants

The water pots stood empty and to the side

- There was nothing special about these water pots other than how they were used
 - No special markings, artistic designs, nothing to make them collectable or special
 - But they were dedicated to the hold of water that was used to illustrate this family's need for cleansing of their sin
 - Not the dirt on their bodies but the dirt on their souls

The water pots stood empty and to the side

- Now they stood off to the side
 - So many of us are like those water pots
 - We see ourselves as nothing special, maybe setting off to the side unnoticed but with a longing in our hearts for purpose and meaning
 - We find ourselves empty with a void in our hearts for something more but not knowing how to fill it though we have tried

The water pots stood empty and to the side

- Maybe your pot is cracked from the hardships this world has thrown at you or the consequences from your choices
 - Good news – We are all cracked but we each were created for something special, unique
 - **Psalms 139:14-15 ESV**, 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

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 - **Message**, Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation (I am)!
 - Can you say this with me this morning – **“What a creation I am!”**

The water pots stood empty and to the side

- We were created in such a way to know our creator, fellowship with Him, and be filled with His goodness, even Himself
- What happened to me?
 - Instead of allowing our creator to fill us we have tried to fill ourselves on our own
 - **Genesis 3:6 ESV**, 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

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 - The result is **Genesis 3:24 ESV**, He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.
- Good news – Jesus longs to fill your empty water pot

The servants stood ready

- Mary had left the servants with the most important command of their lives - “Do whatever he tells you.”, “Whatever He says to you do it.”
 - They had no idea what the commands would be
- Jesus commanded them to fill the six water pots that held 20 to 30 gallons each

The servants stood ready

- Seems like a simple command
 - A gallon of water weighs 8.35 pounds, pots held 20-30 gallon, so the water pots would be too large to carry to the well
 - This would mean many trips to the well and back without knowing what why
 - The servants without knowing it were providing Jesus with the elements necessary to perform His sign
 - What marvelous thing did they do for Jesus?
 - Just filled water pots, what they had been doing for years

The servants stood ready

- Our purpose as born-again children of God is to fill water pots
 - Why – Open gym, Honoring those who serve, VBS, Food distribution...
 - We are filling water pots, giving Jesus the elements, He might use to perform His miracle in the lives of others
 - Providing your life with meaning and purpose
- It is not just in the walls of this church

The servants stood ready

- Why do we live out our Christian lives in this dark world?
 - Not just for our blessing but for those who are watching, wondering what makes you tick and why?
- Is it important?
 - No water pots, no water, no wine, no miracle

The master of the banquet stood amazed

- The water pots are filled to the brim then immediately Jesus tells the servant to dip from the pots and take it to the master of the banquet
 - The servants didn't see or hear Jesus do or say anything special
 - They did not question Jesus out loud but simple did what He told them to
 - This is what Jesus desires to do in your life, fill it to the brim

The master of the banquet stood amazed

- The master of the banquet was amazed because this is the best wine, he has every tasted
 - He didn't know what Jesus did, the groom did not know, the people did not know
 - But the servants were privileged to be in on it
 - Mary also knew
- Wherever Jesus was at amazement was soon to follow

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- Are you the empty water pot this morning?
 - God has an answer for you, come to Jesus
- Are you a servant following Jesus wondering if God is using you?
 - The same answer, come to Jesus
- My answer to any of your questions this morning is very simply – “Come to Jesus”
- **Revelation 22:17 ESV**, The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price (*simply come*).



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