

THE WEDDING AT CANA

(John 2:1-11)

EXT. WEDDING HOUSE – DAY

Wide view of the house and surroundings

Trees, flowers and other decoration items are seen at the entrance of the Groom's house.

Six stone water jars can be seen there for Jewish ceremonial washings. [Each jars holding 20 to 30 gallons (in 2-6)]

A pair of hands washing the feet of the guests

Wedding decorations are seen in the house, street and surroundings; parents of the bride-groom greet guests from many class of the society.

All are arriving dressing in elegant clothes as they have come for the wedding.

Many Jews are also arriving in their traditional dress.

Nicodemus, a reputed Pharisee and a teacher along with his two Pharisee friends are also coming.

An old woman is approaching the bride-groom.
Groom happily greets her with great happiness and gratitude.

GROOM

Thank you for your presence.

Old woman replies with a touch of care and love.

OLD WOMAN

You deserve each other. God bless you.

Some are sitting, some standing and chatting. (Band music and crowd's noise hears)

Parents greet the guests with happiness.

BRIDE'S FATHER

Please come and be seated.

Guests happily move towards the table.

| Band music; Children and some others are dancing.

Bride's mother's face turns very happier seeing Mother Mary. Mary smiles and holds Bride's mother's arms and together they walk towards the couple.

Bride and groom are standing in a beautifully decorated 'Mandapam' (as shown below)

| Wedding 'Mandapam' is surrounded by many guests wearing traditional dresses.

MARY greets the bride-groom.
Fill your heart with new hopes.
May God bless you and your family.

Bride's mother smiles at Mary.

Bride and groom devotedly and respectfully receive the blessings from Mother Mary and proudly smile.

An old relative's looks hold at a point and he says with disbelief and wonder.

OLD RELATIVE (with wonder)
Look! Who is coming?

Everybody's attention turns towards the front area of the house.

Some are moving towards the front area to see Jesus.
(Music: BG music is reducing and special entrance music begins for the coming of Jesus - a special style is needed here in music)

Mother Mary also looks at the front area.

Groom's looks locks far at the entrance and his face lights up with joy. Bride also looks at the entrance. Their face turns happier.

| They both look at each other happily and are very proud with the greatness of the presence of Jesus - (close up suggestion shots of both)

Everybody looks at the entrance.

Bride's mother says with more wonder and great happiness.

BRIDE'S MOTHER

Jesus!

Someone in the crowd says with excitement and happiness
(only voice is heard. voice overlaps in Jesus' face).

YOUNG MAN'S VOICE

Look, Jesus is coming

Jesus with a divine love and smile is coming with his
apostles entering through the entrance. (Jesus' theme
music grows louder)

Jesus foot is washing. (Close view)

| Parents look at Jesus and walk towards him to welcome him.

Bride's father bows his head and says.

BRIDE'S FATHER

Welcome master.

GROOM'S FATHER

We are blessed that you are
here. It is our great fortune.

Saying this they receive him.

While Jesus enters, many walk towards him with love,
reverence and devotion; they greet him.

GUESTS

Welcome master, welcome.

Nicodemus and his friends also greet Jesus with admiration.

Bride-groom eagerly looks at Jesus with raised head.

Jesus approaches Mother Mary smiling at her, and bowing his
head to her while holding her hands. Mary also bows her
head.

Jesus walks towards the couple.

Bride and groom bows to Jesus seeking his blessings.

Jesus blesses them with his hands and stands close to them.

Apostles, Peter, Matthew, and John walk towards Mother Mary with love and admiration.

They greet her bowing their head.

Accepting the greetings with reverence, Mother Mary holds John's shoulder with a motherly affection.

Jesus happily stands with the couple in the middle of them.
| They are very much happy.

Nicodemus and his friends are looking at the couple proudly.

Chief Steward, servants, family members, etc. are busy with work. Chief Steward receives a food tray from another and serves it to Nicodemus and his friends.

CHIEF STEWARD
Please take some.

Nicodemus and his friends receive it and taste the food and smile.

Chief Steward also smiles and continued his duties. Another servant passes, and the Chief Steward stops him.

CHIEF STEWARD
Bring some more wine.

SERVANT says politely.
Yes sir, I will bring it now.

Servant goes to take wine.

Servant reaches the place where many stone jars, mud
| vessels, etc. are kept. He opens and looks at the stone
jars kept there.
His face is doubtful and anxious.

Mother Mary looks at him with doubt.

Servant's last try is in another stone jar; it also is empty; his face pales and in worry he drops the jug.

Mother Mary realizes that wine bottle is empty. (shots from two different angles).

Hearing the sound, the apostles also look at him.

In hurry the servant walks towards the bride-groom's mother who is standing near the stage and says in her ears.

SERVANT

| We have no wine.

The apostles who are standing near also hear it. They look at each other with exclamation. Part of Jesus and the bride-groom are also seen.

The Groom's mother's face fades and she stand motionless thinking what to do.

Seeing this, mother Mary approaches bride-groom's mother to comfort her. Both woman looks at each other.

Bride's mother moves towards Groom's father. Servant also moves with her.

Bride-groom's father is chatting to someone else. Seeing the servant and his wife coming with high worry his expression changes and he moves fast towards them.

Approaching the father, the groom's mother starts crying. Not understanding what has happened, the groom's father looks at the servant.

Servant says with great worry.

SERVANT

We have no wine!

Groom's father is suddenly gloomy and his eyes widens.

He looks at the bride and the groom for a moment. They are standing happily.

Groom's father looks his wife for a moment. Both are terribly worried.

BRIDE-GROOM'S FATHER

What to do now? Where we can

get enough wine at this time?

Mother speaks to father.

GROOM'S MOTHER

Oh my, this is awful! Everyone will
know we didn't have enough wine!

Meanwhile another servant is also coming and telling to
groom's parents.

2nd SERVANT

We are out of wine.

People's dancing and singing stops for a dramatic effect.

(A sorrow-full theme of music starts playing)

Some people are just seen restless and disappointed showing
the emptiness of wine with the empty glass.

Not knowing what to do the servants look at them.

Mother Mary observes the situation and looks at Jesus.

Jesus is still in the middle of the bride and groom with a
smile.

Nicodemus and his friends also understood that they have no
more wine. Their glasses are empty and they are waiting
anxiously.

Mary anxiously walks towards Jesus.

Jesus looks at Mary coming towards him. Mary says in Jesus'
ear which can be heard only by Jesus and the bride-groom.

MARY (John 2:3)

They have no wine.

Hearing it bride-groom's face becomes paler and they look
at each other worrying.

Jesus calmly looks at her and says secretly but audible.

JESUS (John 2:4)

Woman, what concern is that
to you and to me? My hour

has not yet come.

| Saying this, Jesus looks at the wedding celebrations with a smile.

Band players are at their high spirit. (Band music increases)

Virgin Mary looks at Jesus for a while and goes from there.

| She reaches beside servants, groom's mother etc.
Groom's mother is at the end of weeping.

Anxious apostles;

Peter and John are looking up with opened hands as if in prayer seeking a divine intervention.

Peter looks at Nicodemus. Their eyes meet (close-up of their faces).

Close view of softly smiling Mary.

Anxious family members; all are standing helpless with a great worried face.

Groom's father anxiously asks Mary.

GROOM'S FATHER
What shall we do?

Mary looks at the groom's father for a moment and then she looks at the servant and looks far at Christ and says firmly.

MARY (John 2:5)
Do whatever he tells you.

Servants walk towards Jesus. They stand a bit near Jesus waiting for some orders with great respect.

Jesus looks at them, looks at the 6 stone jars kept in the other side and says.

| JESUS (John 2:7)
Fill the jars with water.

Servants look at each other.

Parents of groom also look at each other with great anxiety.

All servants are moving fast.

They move all those jars to the middle of the hall from the entrance. Then they fill them with water. Any servants are working on to get water in the big portable vessels. They are busy filling the jars.

Water fills up to the brim.

Band; music; dancing becomes
(Fast-cut shots of filling jars)
Jesus looks at the filling jars and a divine light envelops Jesus and spreads from behind Jesus' head.

JESUS (John 2:8)
Now draw some out, and take
it to the chief steward.

A servant takes it in a glass and offers it to the chief steward.

Chief Steward looks at him and takes it.

Anxious apostles;

Mother Mary smiles softly and confidently.

Anxious family members; all are standing helpless with a great worried face.

Servant keenly looks at him.

Chief Steward tastes it. Closes his eyes as if feeling it, very close shot of his facial expression changing.

Gradually a healing light shines on his face. He is smiling and his eyes fill with tears of joy.

He smiles at the servant and walks towards the bride-groom very happily.

| Close shot of family members, apostles, parents, etc. keenly observing

| Chief Steward, with a smile reaches near the bride-groom and says.

CHIEF STEWARD (John 2:10)
Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.

| Bride-groom looks at him with surprise and joy.

Saying this steward smiles and tastes it more.

The Groom's mother also shows her great surprise and says.

GROOM'S MOTHER
What a wonder! Water changed to wine!

The apostles also say.

PETER
It's a great wonder! A miracle!

Groom's mother and father approaches Mother Mary with gratitude and thank her.

GROOM'S MOTHER
Thank you mother for your intercession. You are our help.

| Servants are in great surprise.

— GROOM'S FATHER
Jesus did this because you requested.
You helped us. We are grateful to you.

Nicodemus and friends are looking with great exclamation and admiration. Their eyes filled with tears of happiness. Close view of their expressions

Virgin Mary (with glorified expressions) looks at Jesus with pleasure.

Apostles also wonder. They look at him with devotion and surprise.

Bride-groom stays content and says thankfully turning face to Jesus.

Bride-groom
Truly, you are our Lord and our God!

Guests are walking fast towards the spot of the jars where the new wine is being served to all.

Many are coming to receive it with great eagerness.

All are drinking and exclaiming with great satisfaction.

People drinking the wine have a special feeling and new experience that some are crying with tears of joy and smiling and the divine light is coming on them.

An old Jew says with excitement tasting the new wine.

OLD JEW
Good quality wine!!

(Music is very strongly supporting.)

A steward is serving the new wine to Nicodemus and friends.

Three of them began to drink with eagerness and suddenly get up with the experience of a wonder and began to speak one another looking excitedly to Jesus. Divine light is surrounding them also.

While looking at Jesus they speak to one another.

Pharisee no1 says turning to Nicodemus.

PHARISEE no.1
Nicodemus, you are a teacher, can you please explain ,how can this be?
How can water suddenly become wine?
That too in such extraordinary quality! Who is this Jesus?

The other friend is also looking eagerly to Nicodemus.

Nicodemus is deeply thinking prayerfully. (Time lapse - shot of Jesus' face filled with the divine light - camera slowly zoom-in towards the face of Jesus.)

(Camera slowly move towards Nicodemus and holds on his face) Nicodemus is slowly telling with a low volume of voice but with great emphasis.

NICODEMUS (John 3-2)

No one can create these signs. Unless
God is with him."

Apostles also are coming and standing near Nicodemus to hear the discussion. They also are enjoying the wine.

PHARISEE No 1. (Drinking the
new wine and enjoying the taste and then saying.)
This is a supernatural, historical event!

PHARISEE No 2. (Drinking the
wine and enjoying the taste and then saying.)
Exactly! A total change in the
nature of water to another nature!
How can this be possible?

NICODEMUS

Only GOD can change the nature of
creation because God is THE creator.

Peter eyes fill with tears of happiness and he says with great devotion.

PETER

We all believe in you! You are the Messiah.

Jesus is blessing the couple. A divine light filled around him.

PHARISEE No 1

Thank you Nicodemus, but that is
unbelievable. Normally God creates
something out of nothing.

NICODEMUS

This may be a sign of The Lord's
plan as he promised to restore and
renew the humanity in fact to make a
new creation out of the sinful nature.

It also can be said as transformation,
divinization, even trans-substantiation!

Other apostles are coming closer to listen.

FRIEND no 2:

Is this the way He creates a new
heart, as David had prayed?

FRIEND no 1: (Ezekiel 36-26)

And also what is written in Ezekiel?
I will give you a new heart and place
a new spirit within you, taking from
your bodies your stony hearts and
giving you natural hearts.

NICODEMUS

Exactly! This is only possible by trans-
substantiation- I think Jesus is
the answer! I will try to discuss this
with him to learn more about it.

The bride-groom lay in the heart of Jesus also murmurs.
Jesus puts his hands on their shoulders.

BRIDE-GROOM

My Lord and my God!

Jesus blesses them holding the hands of bride into the hand
of groom keeping their hands in his hands.

Bride-groom and Jesus are surrounded by Mother Mary,
groom's parents, bride's parents, apostles and others.

JESUS (MATTHEW 19:4)

The one who made you at the beginning
made you male and female. For this
reason a man shall leave his father
and mother and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined
together, let no one separate.

Jesus holds them close with a graceful smile.

CAMERA GOES WIDE AND FOCUS OUT while Jesus stays with the
couple and children surrounding the group. All the

children, people, objects, decorations etc transforms to small light flames and it spreads the screen along with the voice over.

VOICE OVER (John 2:11)
Jesus did this, the first of his
signs, in Cana of Galilee, and
revealed his glory; and his
disciples believed in him.