

**The Wedding in Cana is where Jesus does the first of the seven signs to show He is Divine / That He is God.**

**-Notice Mary simply tells them to do whatever Jesus tells them to do / Jesus tells them to fill up the 6 jars with water / These jars were filled with water for people to purify themselves when entering the temple.**

**-The jars would be at the front doors / People would not be arriving in cars or in fancy shoes / on paved roads / They would be in sandals / walking on dirt roads / traveling by an animal / or by a cart / In other words they would need to purify their hands and feet before entering the temple / So these jars being filled with water would not be pure / The water / Dirty.**

**-Jesus takes this water and transforms it into wine / Not any wine / But the best wine / He does this first miracle at a wedding / For those of you who are married Jesus desires to transform your marriages / To transform your lives.**

**-The second reading we see gifts that help transform the church / The Body of Christ / But on a personal level I ask you to study these 4 virtues / Jesus will transform your lives if you learn these (Temperance / Prudence / Fortitude / Justice) / You guys practice these / and like the wine / You and your families will be transformed and elevated.**

**-My second point / The 7 signs in the Gospel of John have this in common / There is a shortage but Jesus gives abundance / The first miracle there is a shortage of [wine symbol of (spiritual life)] / The 7th miracle there is a shortage of life (Raising of Lazarus) / When we see shortage / Jesus sees abundance.**

**-There is A Catholic ministry that takes care of special needs children who are seen as a shortage / Not wanted / They found a baby left to die on the streets / When this baby named Juan grew older he could not speak and had severe Downs syndrome.**

**-The world or someone saw Juan as a shortage / Dr. Allen Hunt visited this Catholic ministry in Nicaragua and met Juan / He tells this story / “After Mass the priest led a Eucharistic Procession and Juan led the procession ringing a bell / I was filled with joy and tears / The Joy Juan showed ringing the bell leading the procession and His love was something to see / His joy was infectious / Was very spiritual and moving / He was not a shortage.”**

**-Dr. Hunt. instructs us: “Juan shows what these miracles have in common / We see shortage / But God sees abundance / Give your shortages to Mary / To Jesus / And like Mary says / Do whatever He tells you.”**

**-And following his example: If You and I give Jesus our shortages / Like the impure water / Our lives / Our marriages / Our relationships / Can be transformed / Filled with Grace and Abundance.**

**That is why every baby matters / Why we are people of Life.**

**Amen**