

THE CASE OF THE EMPTY JARS



WEDDING ... Preparation > Shortage
MISTAKE!

Welcome to our FALLEN world!
MISTAKES are **inevitable** and
inconvenient (sometimes injurious!)

MATURITY = accepting reality and forgiving the “offender” without excessive guilt, grief, or rage.

When you are harvesting in your field and OVERLOOK a sheaf, do not go back and get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless, and the widow, so that the Lord may bless you in the work of your hands (*Deut. 24:19*)

A man's wisdom gives him patience. It is
to his glory to OVERLOOK an offense.
(Prov. 19:11)

MATURITY accepts reality [mistake!]
yet also seeks to fix and reverse
consequences of the mistake!

If one falls down, his friend can HELP
HIM UP! (Pity the person who falls
down and has no one to help them up.)
(Ecc. 4:10)

He [Jesus] is the REMEDY for the
defilement of our sin ... (*1 John 2:2, NEB*)

The MISTAKE (whoever/whatever)
has Mary seeking a remedy > Jesus

Jesus said to the servants, “**FILL THE JARS
WITH WATER**” (*vs. 7*)

*Implication ... “**I’LL TAKE IT FROM THERE**”

Jesus turned water into wine, but
Jesus did not **supply** the **water**.

God's miracles often involve/include
human input

Instead of bypassing our capability,
God blesses our contribution.

God expects us to **do** what we **CAN**.
He will then use that to **do** what we
CANNOT.

**God will turn water into wine, but not
until you pour the water into the jar!**