

# Where's Your Chair?

John 2 1-12



Exalt the Lord our God and worship Him upon His holy hill,  
for the Lord our God is holy.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
Psalm 99:9

## **Praising:**

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest and King  
supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest in thy  
Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

## **Reading:**

John 2:1-12  
The wedding at Cana

We're left with the clear impression that Jesus pulls off this first miracle with most of the key players on the day none-the-wiser. They neither sense that something amazing has taken place nor that Jesus has even been up to anything. But what would have happened had the wine not run out? And it's a

question that applies to so many situations for us as Christians: Jesus on hand, the Lord of heaven and earth, to bless, enrich and transform but we pretend He is not there. Because it is a pretence. Not only does it fly in the face of Christ's promise to be with His friends for ever, it flies in the face of the experience of millions upon millions of believers who continue to sense His presence, know His peace and feel the prompt of His Spirit.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Lord we long for an awareness of Christ's presence

- for ourselves: to make more space to read His word, hear His voice and obey His call
- for those robbed of joy and vitality: by broken relationships, unemployment or sickness
- for a world that seems unmoved by the cross and unpersuaded by the empty tomb

Father: reveal your glory in me and as Your Son turned the water into wine, change our bondage into liberty, and the poverty of our nature into the riches of your grace. Amen

## **Doing:**

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