

believed in Him.

12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

The miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana is one of the most well-known miracles in all of Scripture. But part of its significance lies not just in the miracle itself - but in the conversation that comes before it.

The wine has run out. Mary turns to Jesus and simply says, 'They have no wine.' It sounds like a simple observation, but the response she gets is anything but ordinary as Jesus says:

'Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.'

This is interesting to me because in my family, this is not something you get away with - at any age. My kids would never dare to call Jordan anything other than Mother or Mom, nor would I ever call my Mother anything else - it's unheard of and in our context, considered very disrespectful.

The term that Jesus uses here is from the Greek word 'Gyné,' which is more of a formal but very respectful way to address a mature woman. In our world it would be similar to saying, 'Ma'am.' It's not harsh, but it is distant - especially for a Mother/Son relationship. Yet, it's also the same word Jesus will use again at the cross when He says, 'Woman, behold your son.' So He's not dishonouring Mary; but He's deliberately putting distance in their relationship. He's showing her that He's no longer just her son - He is her Saviour - and that is first and foremost.

Jesus goes on to then say, 'What does your concern have to do with Me?' In Greek, that phrase is, 'ti emoi kai soi' - literally, 'What is that to me and to you?' It's taken from an ancient Hebrew idiom that shows up five other times in the New Testament - and here's what's fascinating: this is the only time that Jesus would use this phrase. Every single other time, it's actually spoken by demons addressing Jesus.

When Jesus intrudes on their domain, they cry out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus, Son of God?' (Matt. 8:29). It's a statement of rejection meaning, 'Back off, you don't belong here - this is none of your business.'

However, when Jesus uses this same phrase with Mary, it's not meant to be a rejection - but simply