Empty Water Pots

**Read:** John 2:1-11

**Text**: Jn 7:37 “…If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.”

**Introduction:** This scripture starts out with a seemingly reluctant Jesus being coaxed into ministry by His mother. He and His disciples are at a wedding. Jesus knows that in a little over 3 years He will be leaving the entire work of His ministry in the hands of these 12 men. Therefore the first miracle is the first living lesson for the 12 disciples. This first miracle is a precursor of the ministry that Jesus has planned for His disciples. There is nothing in God’s Word that is insignificant. Every piece of it is anointed. Every word is important. Every name and number means something. **I.** **There are 6 water pots.** The number 6 represents man. The clear message here is that God provides His Gospel by the means of men. Do you remember when He would cast out evil spirits and they would recognize who He was. He would command them to remain silent. I used to wonder why. They were telling the truth but God doesn’t need the devil to spread His Gospel. He has assigned that task to you and me. It is amusing but sad to hear people justify disobedience to scrip-ture by acting as if it is for the furtherance of the Gospel. I have heard girls who were dating unsaved men justify it by saying I am trying to lead him to Christ. Obey the Word and tell him that you will not date an unsaved man. If he says that he wants to be saved then send him to your pastor to lead him to Christ. **II.** **The water pots are made of stone and are empty.** The scriptures talk about seed falling on stony ground when it finds a heart not wil-ling to let it grow. There are many people who are hard and empty. There are Christians who are mean and hard toward other Christians. How can you have a soft heart toward God and be hard toward His children? Have you ever been really thirsty for an iced tea and found one sitting on the countertop. It is covered with condensation and floating with ice. You are not sure if anyone has taken a drink from it or not. You are not sure if it is sweet or not. It looks good but it might not be sweetened or it might have someone else’s slobber in it. But an empty glass next to a picture of iced tea: that is something to be obtained. Being empty this morning, is not so bad because there is a source of fresh water right here to fill you up if you want it. There are a lot of people who need to be emptied of the world, the flesh, and the devil before they are ready to be filled with the fresh water, found in Christ. **III.** **The water pots were filled to the brim.** The servants did exactly what Jesus said. They didn’t leave enough space for pouring. A little spillage wasn’t their concern. Jesus said to fill them and fill them they did. If water represents Jesus then how much do you want of Him. John 7:37 “In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.” I don’t know about you but I want to be filled to the brim. Every time I am bumped I want others to see Jesus spilling out. If I fall I want Jesus to run all over anyone nearby. **IV. This water was poured into glasses & served to guests.** Do you know what happens to water when it sits awhile? Some of it evapor-ates and the rest will get stagnate after a while. Water is best when it is being used. We use it for drinking, cooking, gardening, swimming, cleaning and many other things. It is not for sitting around. Too many Christians are just sitting around (evangelist & grumpy woman). **V.** **It was the best water anyone had tasted.** It was so good that they all thought it was wine. The servants, the disciples, and Jesus knew where it came from and what it was made of. They all knew that there was only plain water in the water pots but everyone else was convince-ed that it was wine and the best wine at the party. You may not think that God could do much with you. You may consider yourself a boring person with a plain vanilla life but when you allow God to fill you with the water of Christ and pour you out on the people around you they will experience the nature of Christ. You will be the best thing that could ever happen to them. You will provide living water.