## Chapter XV - At the Marriage Feast

- 1. Read <u>John 2:4</u>. How did Jesus respond to Mary? By responding as He did, what was Jesus communicating to her?
- 2. Like the superior wine (grape juice) of Jesus' first miracle, every new gift He gives is "ever fresh and new." Explore the meaning of this concept, giving concrete examples from your own experience.
- 3. Discuss how Jesus trained His disciples. How do His methods compare with those we use? How did Jesus reach the hearts of the people?
- 4. What are some specific ways that you can "carry Jesus" with you and "reveal to others the preciousness of our Saviour"?

## ← Additional Thoughts →

- 1. Who could Mary talk to about her concerns for Jesus? (Page 145)
- 2. What prompted Mary to seek the help of Jesus? (Page 145)
- 3. Why did Jesus respond to Mary as He did? Was she in any danger, spiritually? (Page 146-147)
- 4. Why did Jesus perform His first miracle? (Page 147)
- 5. Be ready to comment on the following quote. (Page 148)

But the gifts of Jesus are ever fresh and new. The feast that He provides for the soul never fails to give satisfaction and joy. Each new gift increases the capacity of the receiver to appreciate and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. He gives grace for grace. There can be no failure of supply. If you abide in Him, the fact that you receive a rich gift today insures the reception of a richer gift tomorrow.

- 6. Be ready to discuss the importance of the changing of the water into wine. What does the wine signify? When did Jesus use wine again? (Page 148-149)
- 7. How does common sense tell us that the wine was unfermented? (Page 149)
- 8. How does the following quote relate to our duty today? (Page 151)

Jesus saw in every soul one to whom must be given the call to His kingdom. He reached the hearts of the people by going among them as one who desired their good. He sought them in the public streets, in private houses, on the boats, in the synagogue, by the shores of the lake, and at the marriage feast. He met them at their daily vocations, and manifested an interest in their secular affairs. He carried His instruction into the household, bringing families in their own homes under the influence of His divine presence. His strong personal sympathy helped to win hearts.

- 9. In light of the above and the rest of the chapter, should we separate from the sinful world? Why?
- 10. Personal views: List a favorite section from the reading or new thought.