

## "The Birthday Party"

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Uncle Floyd was in a real dilemma! He had planned a special birthday party for Barabas for Saturday afternoon at 2:30pm. But several things happened yesterday morning that gravely complicated the plans!

First, the cake that he stayed up late to make on Friday night, a beautiful chocolate cake with white icing and a soccer ball decoration on top, well, this morning he found it on the floor, destroyed. Jeter and Arod were standing with their tails between their legs and their heads down, while suspiciously licking their chops! They had even ripped a hole in the tablecloth!



Just as he got that mess cleaned up and wondered how he would have time to bake another cake, he got a call from Pastor Ed telling Uncle Floyd that he would need to hurry in to the church because some pipes burst in the kitchen and there is a lot of water that needs to be mopped up and later, the plumber will be there at 2:30pm. 2:30 is the exact time of Barabas's party! Just in case you didn't remember, Uncle Floyd is the sexton, the maintenance man at Pastor Ed's church.

"What a catastrophe! I reckon I need to cancel the party?" thought Uncle Floyd.

In today's gospel lesson, there is the story about a wedding feast and almost everyone from the village of Cana of Galilee was there. Back in those days, a wedding party could last for days! And the wine ran out.

"What a catastrophe! I reckon I need to cancel the wedding party!" said the wine steward. It just so happened that Jesus and his mother, Mary were invited to this wedding. So Mary asked Jesus if he could help solve the problem.

Uncle Floyd thought about how disappointed Barabas would be if the birthday party was cancelled so he started making phone calls.

Mrs. Potato Head said "I'll be right over with a beautiful tablecloth and I can arrange the paper plates and napkins."

Mrs. Mawakasunga, Elizabeth's mom said "I just baked a really good cake. I'll bring it over to the party!"

Mr. Konde, Sam's father said "Don't worry about being at the church. I can come over and help with crowd control."

Pastor Ed's wife, The SCS Teacher said I have a really fun game I'll bring along called 'pin the tail on the pastor'!

It seemed like everyone had a skill that they were happy to use to help make this a special birthday for Barabas. Even Nurse Fran came over, just in case anyone needed a flu shot!



At the wedding where they ran out of wine, Jesus saw six empty water jugs and told the servants to fill them with water. And when that "water" was served to the guests, it had turned into the best wine they had ever tasted. This was the first 'sign' that Jesus used to reveal his glory.

Jesus performed a miracle.

When we all work together with our God given talents, we can perform miracles as well.

Uncle Floyd said "I reckon I can't thank you all enough for all your help. It was like a miracle!"

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