

Key Scripture:

John 2:1-11 (ESV)

2 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

2 Corinthians 3:12-18 (ESV)

¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

Read John 2:1-11. What do you think is significant about this being Jesus' first miracle? It might be seen as odd that Jesus would use His power for wine at a wedding party or that Jesus initially refuses His mother's request. What does this show us about the nature of Jesus?

In this miracle, Jesus doesn't just meet the need, but extravagantly over provides in both quantity & quality. Where else in scripture & in nature do you see this? What is the significance of this to us?

In Exodus 34:29-35, Moses' face shone when he was in the presence of God. The people became fearful so Moses put on a veil. Why would the Israelites be fearful of Moses' face? Did it have anything to do with their previous actions & this display of God's glory?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-16. In these verses Paul compares the need for Moses to veil his face to the hardness of the people's hearts throughout the Old Testament. In verse 14 & 16 he says only Jesus can take this veil away. How was your heart also veiled before it was removed by Jesus? What happened to you when this took place?

Read on to 2 Corinthians 3:17. How has the lifting of this veil in your life brought freedom? Is there anything in your life right now that needs to come in line under this unveiling to bring freedom again?

Finally, look at verse 18. It outlines four parts of transformation that Jesus has bought for us. **Discuss each of the following points:**

- We have had our faces unveiled
- > We have the ability to see the Glory of God like Moses did
- ➤ We are being transformed into the same image
- > This transformation is from one degree of glory to another

We see in John 2 that Jesus dramatically over provides. What we've read in 2 Corinthians reveals the spiritual and life changing impact of what Jesus gives us. Has anything new in these areas been woken up in you this week? What can you do to reinforce what God is saying?