

Extraordinary God

God Reveals

I. God Provides Revelation

John 2:1-11 (NIV)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."⁴ "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."¹¹ This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. **He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.**

John 4:46-52 (NIV)

Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.⁴⁸ **"Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."**⁴⁹ The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed.⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living.⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour."

John 11:40-48 (NIV)

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, **"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"**⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."⁴⁵ **Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.**⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs.⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

A. Realignment

Mark 2:23-28 (NIV)

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain.²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"²⁵ He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need?²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."²⁷ Then he said to them, **"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."**²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Matthew 12:9-14 (NIV)

Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue,¹⁰ and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"¹¹ He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out?"¹² How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! **Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.**¹³ Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other.¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

B. Must be Accepted/Received

Luke 10:13-15 (NIV)

¹³ "Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths.

Matthew 21:31-32 (NIV)

"I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, **you did not repent and believe him.**

Mark 6:47-52 (NIV)

⁴⁷ When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ⁵¹ **Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.**

C. You Too

Matthew 14:25-33 (NIV)

²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸ **"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."** ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Luke 10:17-21 (NIV)

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "**Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.**" ¹⁸ He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." ²¹ At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, **because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.** Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, open our eyes to see and heart to understand. Do not let us spend our days in darkness. Holy Spirit make known to us the majesty of our salvation, may our lives may bring glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to understand your power, glory and majesty that we may fulfill all you created us for. May God be glorified through our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.