

Jesus - The Signs

John's Purpose Statement

John 20:30-31 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The First Seven of Eight Signs:

1. John 2:1-11 - The Wedding at Cana

1 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.[a] **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.

List the main people in this passage.

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How does Jesus respond- what sign did He perform?

What was the outcome or result?

2. John 4:46-54 - Jesus Heals an Official's Son

46 So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. **47** When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. **48** So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." **49** The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." **50** Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. **51** As he was going down, his servants[d] met him and told him that his son was recovering. **52** So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." **53** The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. **54** This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

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3. John 5:2-9 - The Healing at the Pool on the Sabbath

5 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. **3** In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. **5** One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” **7** The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” **8** Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” **9** And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

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4. John 6: 5-14 - Feeding the 5000

5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" **6** He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. **7** Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." **8** One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, **9** "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" **10** Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. **11** Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. **12** And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." **13** So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. **14** When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

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5. Jesus Walks on Water- John 6:16-21

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, **17** got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. **18** The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. **19** When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. **20** But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." **21** Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

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6. John 9: 1-7 Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. **2** And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" **3** Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. **4** We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. **5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." **6** Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud **7** and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

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7. John 11:30-44 - Raising Lazarus

38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. **39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." **40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" **41** So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **42** I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." **43** When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." **44** The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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Teaching Notes:

1. Water into Wine - John 2:1-11

The purpose of the sign: The start of Jesus' public ministry and the beginning of Him manifesting His glory..

Result : The disciples believed in Jesus

2. Healing the Official's Son - John 4:46- 54

The purpose of this sign : Jesus is the promised one; who heals with kindness, mercy and grace.

Result: The official went from believing Jesus was a miracle worker to believing that Jesus was the Messiah. As a result, he and his household, was saved.

3. Jesus' healing of the Paralytic. - John 5:2-9

The purpose of this sign: Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath and shows His sovereign grace.

Result: Jesus showed mercy, kindness and grace, and the man was healed.

4. The Feeding of the 5,000 - John 6:5-14

The purpose of the sign: To show once again Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God and all power and authority belong to Him.

The result of the sign : The crowd call Him a “prophet”. This shows they wanted a Messiah that met their physical needs, not their spiritual needs.

5. Jesus Walks on Water - John 6:16 - 21

The purpose of the sign: Jesus demonstrated He, the Son of God who made the world, is in control of the natural forces in it.

The result : It was a lesson to the disciples (and us) of Jesus’ true identity as the Lord of all creation..

6. Healing the Man Born Blind - John 9:1-7

The purpose of the sign: To demonstrate God’s love and power through Jesus, the Son of God.

The result: The man was healed, and could see. This reminds us of our spiritual blindness and the need for Jesus to cleanse us so we can see His light.

7. The Raising of Lazarus - John 11:1-44

The purpose of the sign: To prove again His claims to be the Messiah and the Son of God.

The result: Lazarus is raised from the dead, giving us a preview of the power that was to be fully displayed in the final resurrection, when all the dead hear the voice of the Son of God and live.

8. The Resurrection of Jesus from the Dead - The 8th sign

Discussion Questions

1. After reviewing the 7 signs we have studied in the book of John, how do these signs point you to God in your everyday life?

2. These signs show Jesus' love, kindness, and mercy to people. How do you see examples of His love, kindness and mercy, in your life?

3. Think about how the blind man's eyes were opened by Jesus. How were your eyes opened to the Lord?
4. Think about a person in your life who is "blind" to Jesus. What are some practical ways you can reach out to that person?
5. Do you have any questions about today's review that you would like to ask your table?