

# The Seven Signs in John

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Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;

**Genesis 1:14**



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**(John 20:30-31)**

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- Turns water to wine (2:1-12)
- Heals official's son (4:46-54)
- Heals lame man at pool of Bethesda (5:1-18)
- Feeds the 5,000 (6:1-14)
- Walks on water (6:15-21)
- Heals the blind man (9:1-41)
- Raises Lazarus (11:1-57)

# First Sign – Water to Wine

## John 2:1-11

"Every man serves the good wine first, and when *the people* have drunk freely, *then he serves the poorer wine; but* you have kept the good wine until now."

(John 2:10)

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined. "But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. "And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough.'"

(Luke 5:37-39)

# First Sign – Water to Wine

## John 2:1-11

The first sign serves as an announcement of the end of the Old Covenant and the establishment of the New Covenant.

## Second Sign – Child Healed John 4:46-54

This sign is a demonstration of what the New Covenant brings to us—it moves us from death to life.

# Second Sign – Child Healed

## John 4:46-54

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

James 2:10

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

Rom 6:4-7



# Third Sign – Lame Man

## John 5:1-9

[1] After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [2] Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. [3] In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters; [4] for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.] [5] A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

# Third Sign – Lame Man

## John 5:1-9

[6] When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, "Do you wish to get well?" [7] The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me." [8] Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk." [9] Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day.

# Third Sign – Lame Man

## John 5:1-9

Jesus removes the excuses we have for not maturing. We need to respond by walking in the new life we have been given.

# Fourth Sign – Feeding 5,000

## John 6:1-14

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

John 6:35-38

# Fourth Sign – Feeding 5,000

## John 6:1-14

This is an image of the Great Commission. After we can walk in new life, we can go out to share that new life with others.

# Fifth Sign – Walking on Water

## John 6:15-21

Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

So they said to Him, "What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.'"

Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

John 6: 26-33

# Fifth Sign – Walking on Water

## John 6:15-21

This is a picture of how we need to respond when we encounter difficulties: we need to look for Jesus rather than for signs.

# Sixth Sign – Blind Man

## John 9:1-41

As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"

Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."

When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing.

John 9:1-7



# Sixth Sign – Blind Man

## John 9:1-41

So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner."

He then answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

So they said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen; why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?"

John 9:24-27

# Sixth Sign – Blind Man

## John 9:1-41

They reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from."

The man answered and said to them, "Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him. Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing."

They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?" So they put him out.

John 9:28-34

# Sixth Sign – Blind Man

## John 9:1-41

This sign reveals the purpose God has for our lives: To bring Him glory. As He reveals Himself to us, we need to give witness as to who He is.

# Seventh Sign – Lazarus Raised

## John 11:1-57

In the seventh sign Jesus presents us with the completion of His work on earth.

# Seventh Sign – Lazarus Raised

## John 11:1-57

"We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. John 9:4

So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him." John 11:14-15

## Matthew 23:37-39

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

## John 11:45-48

Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done. Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs. If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

# The Progression of Spiritual Maturity

The Signs	The Progression
1. Turns water to wine	Announcement of New Covenant
2. Heals official's son	Beginning of new life
3. Heals lame man	Walking in Christ
4. Feeds the 5,000	Sharing Christ
5. Walks on water	Trusting Christ in difficult times
6. Heals the blind man	Growing in discernment and understanding
7. Raises Lazarus	Entering into our rest



# Tool for Evangelism

1. What does this story say to you about people?
2. What does this story say to you about Jesus?
3. What does this story have to say about you?
4. Who needs to hear this story?

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