

7 Signs by Jesus as recorded by John

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The first three gospels record the ministry of Jesus as a history of the Christ on the earth. Matthew demonstrated Jesus was the looked for King. Mark showed the that Jesus was the great Servant. Luke presented Jesus was Man as we are.

The gospel of John was written about 50 years later is primarily doctrinal. John showed that Jesus was The Son God and came to us in love and glory. His purpose of writing is in John 20:31 (But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.) John also choose these 7 miracles to show Jesus was the Son of God with full glory and power and to illustrate Jesus' seven "I Am" statements:

- the Bread of life (6:35, 48, 51)
- the Light of the world (8:12, 9:5)
- the Door of the sheepfold (10:7, 9)
- the Good Shepherd (10:11, 14)
- the Resurrection and the Life (11:25)
- the Way, the Truth and the Life (14:6)
- the true Vine (15:1, 5)

Miracle 1:

Jesus changes water to wine - John 2:1-11

- 1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
- 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. *a great celebration of several days for both families and the whole community*
- 3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. *Looking for solution*
- 4 Jesus saith unto her, **Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.** *Not under your control*
- 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. *submission and confidence*
- 6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. *a firkin ~ 5 gallons, waterpots were symbols of the OT law*
- 7 Jesus saith unto them, **Fill the waterpots with water.** And they filled them up to the brim.
- 8 And he saith unto them, **Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast.** And they bare *it*.
- 9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,
- 10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and

when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. *6 Pots x 3 firkins per pot x 5 gallons per firkin x 5.5 bottles per gallon = 495 bottles of wine*

11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. *secondary purpose or illustration of Jesus, the Son of God*

Quality: Jesus changed water to wine allowing marriage feast celebration to continue. All said this "new" wine was the best.

Contrast Luke 5:37-39 old wine skins cannot and will not hold new wine

Abundance: Jesus proved God's abundant nature: water to wine, plain to rich, common to supernatural, nothing to something.

Jesus is the abundant, once and for all, better sacrifice than the sheep and goats and is forever (Heb 10:14).

I am the Vine. (John 15:1-8)

The vine dictates the type and quality of the produced fruit. God, the Father, cares for the true vine, who is Jesus. We, believers, are connected to the vine for strength, nourishment, and genetics for bearing fruit. We cannot make the fruit only bear or hold it. Our proper relationship (abiding) to the vine determines the quantity and quality of the fruit we bear. Abiding in the vine is our source of fruit, stability, connection, relationship, and place in the kingdom.

We are bearers of: fruit (15:1), much fruit (15:5), remaining fruit (15:16)

We are holders of the fruit of the vine produced by the vine (Jesus) and the husbandman (The Father).

An abiding life style in the Vine (grace) is much better and effective than just visiting the law and unable to keep it.

Miracle 2:

Jesus heals nobleman's son by His word - John 4:46-54

46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. *a human need about 20 miles away*

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. *Noble man's actions confessed a confidence in the authority and power of Jesus*

48 Then said Jesus unto him, **Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.**

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 Jesus saith unto him, **Go thy way; thy son liveth.** And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. *acted in faith in Jesus' word of healing and began overnight trip home*

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, **Thy son liveth:** and himself believed, and his whole house. *witness of the nobleman to his family*

54 This *is* again the second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

Nobleman's son healed by Jesus' word only. The physical world was made by the spoken word and responds to words (John 1:1,2,14). The power of sin, sickness and death must kneel to the Word spoken in faith by His sheep.

I am the Door. (John 10:1-9)

The Door is the entrance into a new (spiritual) life, like a physical door in an entrance into a house or room. The door is the spiritual equivalent to a gate of a walled city. The gate is opened by the inside of kingdom or castle.

It has been told that shepherds of old used to lie and sleep at the entrance of a rock sheepfold making a graphic illustration of Jesus being the door protecting and caring for His sheep. The door is our entrance into kingdom, shelter, and belonging. Only way into the sheepfold, family of God is by the Jesus door. Door is entrance and protection from the stealer, killer and destroyer (John 10:10).

Jesus opens the door for us to operate and live with His authority and power by aligning our words with His words. Matthew 28:18, Mark 16:15-18

Miracle 3:

Jesus heals a impotent man - John 5:1-9

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. *God remembered His people's need for healing even under old covenant*

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. *Must have been lame or crippled*

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, **Wilt thou be made whole?** *To determine in what he had faith*

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. *This has not worked for me in 38 years*

8 Jesus saith unto him, **Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.** *Believe, new grace as replaced*

the old law, and act on your faith

- 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

I am the Way, the Truth and The Life. (John 14:6)

He is the truth-full only way to life (eternal). No man comes to the Father but by Me. The true, life, way is shown to man by his leader. There is only one true way to life (eternal). Jesus is the only way to obtain righteousness pure enough to satisfy our just God. Jesus came to lead us in the way to obtain abundant life.

Believers come by the only Way to the Father to receive the Truth about their healing and a full Life relationship (resting from our efforts) based on His righteousness graced to us.

Jesus shows and provides the way for us out of the devil's bondage. Jesus gives believers a new way to walk like new birth. We need not wait for years, hoping in traditions or superstitions. Man must be ready and join his faith to receive.

Jesus heals lame man at pool on sabbath. Jesus helped and healed him, but the religious Jews criticized the healed man for carrying his bed and Jesus for working on the Sabbath.

Jesus taught truth that He was lord of the sabbath not under the law and traditions of man concerning the sabbath (Mark 2:27-28).

Man is freed by the truth he knows (John 8:32).

Jesus teaches that the Sabbath rest is not a traditional day but a life relationship with God through Jesus. (Hebrews 4;9-11).

Miracle 4:

Jesus feeds the Multitude - John 6:5-14 (also in Matthew 14:14-21, Mark 6:35-44, Luke 9:12-17)

- 5 When Jesus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, **Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?** *Jesus wanted to include the disciples.*
- 6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.
- 7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. *Looked unto the physical for answer to need*
- 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,
- 9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?
- 10 And Jesus said, **Make the men sit down.** Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. Estimated to be 10-12,000 people
- 11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. Could have been multiplied by Jesus or in the hands of the

disciples

- 12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, **Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.** *People ate their fill completely. Wasted miraculous provisions would not be wasted.*
- 13 Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Over abundance
- 14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. *The miracle proved Jesus was the Son of God to some people.*

I am the Bread of life. (John 6:35, 48, 51)

Bread is made of grain seeds crushed then mixed with oil and water. It brings life, defeating death, gives strength, energy. Those receiving the bread of life never hunger or thirst and should never be in need. Jesus is better than manna from heaven, but we must receive daily. Jesus said the bread was His body broken for us (1 Cor 11:23-24).

Jesus feeds 5000 men plus others with a few loaves and fishes. Offerings broken multiply. Give what we have to God to multiply and meet others and our needs. God makes a way when there seems to be no way. Jesus gives bread like God sent manna to Israel in the wilderness. (Exodus 16:35)

Miracle 5:

Jesus walks on water - John 6:16:21 (also in Matthew 14:25-34, Mark 6:45-53, Luke 6:48-51)

- 16 And when even was *now* come, his disciples went down unto the sea,
 - 17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.
 - 18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.
 - 19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. *Blown into the middle of the lake, rowing against the wind, but Jesus was on top of the same water which threatened the disciples*
 - 20 But he saith unto them, **It is I; be not afraid.**
 - 21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.
- Second part of the miracle*

I am the Good Shepherd. (John 10:11)

A good shepherd is prepared to give his life for his sheep. Sheep follow their good shepherd. They hear and know his voice. The good shepherd is known by his sheep. He gives them what they need: pasture, water, and protection (John 10:27-28). The good

shepherd knows and cares for His sheep even to give his life for them. (Psalm 23)
Jesus walks on water to save the disciples. With Him in the boat, they were all transported to other side. The Creator has power over His creation. The shepherd uses His authority and power to care for His sheep.

Miracle 6:

Jesus heals blind beggar - John 9:1-7, 37

- 1 And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.
- 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
- 3 Jesus answered, **Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**
- 4 **I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**
- 5 **As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**
- 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
- 7 And said unto him, **Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,** (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

I am the Light of the world. (John 8:12, 9:5, 12:46, 1:9)

Light always over powers darkness, even a small light in a great darkness. The light makes the right way visible and much easier to follow. No one can walk successfully in darkness. Light makes the truth visible. Fears and doubts are made weak and worthless. Darkness should be avoided and eliminated by light.

Jesus healed a man blind from birth on Sabbath. The healed man was criticized by the Jews, but he defended Jesus (John 9:17).

Jesus gave him worldly sight and spiritual light to walk in. After walking in the light, he gave up all to worship Jesus (John 9:35-38)

Miracle 7:

Jesus raises Lazarus from the grave - John 11:14:45

- 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead.**
- 15 **And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.**
- 16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.
- 17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.
- 18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:
- 19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

- 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house.
- 21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
- 22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.
- 23 Jesus saith unto her, **Thy brother shall rise again.**
- 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.
- 25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**
- 26 **And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?**
- 27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.
- 28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.
- 29 As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly, and came unto him.
- 30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.
- 31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.
- 32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
- 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,
- 34 And said, **Where have ye laid him?** They said unto him, Lord, come and see.
- 35 Jesus wept.
- 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!
- 37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?
- 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.
- 39 Jesus said, **Take ye away the stone.** Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.
- 40 Jesus saith unto her, **Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?**
- 41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, **Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.**
- 42 **And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.**
- 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, **Lazarus, come forth.**
- 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, **Loose him, and let him go.**
- 45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus

did, believed on him.

I am the Resurrection. (John 11:25)

Jesus is the source of resurrection and everlasting life. The resurrection is a gift of new life. Resurrection unto life is only available to believers in Jesus. He was the first to demonstrate resurrection from death to life. Eternal life is vastly different and much greater than existing forever.

Jesus raised Lazarus from 4 days dead. Jesus demonstrated to disciples and people as the Son of God can bring forth life by His words, "Lazarus, come forth," "Loose him."