

S I G N S



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

John 20:30-31 ESV

Changing water into wine	2:1–11
Healing the official’s son	4:46–54
Healing the invalid	5:1–15
Feeding the multitude	6:5–13
Walking on the water*	6:16–21
Healing the man born blind	9:1–7
Raising Lazarus	11:1–44

Reading Suggestions: Take time to re-read the 7 Sign passages from the chart above. Finally, read again the account of Jesus' ultimate sign, His Resurrection from the dead. (See John 20)

SUMMARY OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SIGNS

1 Water To Wine (2:1-11). The wedding party’s running out of wine symbolizes the spiritual barrenness of 1st century Judaism, especially against the OT background that viewed wine as a symbol of joy & blessing. The new, superior wine Jesus provides pictures of the abundant, superior blessing coming through Jesus!

2 Healing Official’s Son (4:46-54). This Roman official is a Gentile. This is an early sign that Jesus' blessing of salvation is for the whole world!

3 Healing The Invalid (5:1-18). Jesus intentionally performs this healing on the Sabbath in front of the religious leaders to demonstrate that He is Lord of the Sabbath and equal with God.

4 Feeding The Multitude (6) Jesus is The Prophet Moses spoke about (See 6:14). Jesus is The Bread of Life who gives eternal life to those who believe in Him!

5 Walking On Water (6:16-21). This sign is a visible, powerful demonstration of Jesus’ sovereignty over the world that He created!

6 Healing Man Born Blind (9:1-7). This is the tale of 2 miracles. First Jesus gives the man physical sight. Then He seeks him out and offers him spiritual sight (salvation) which the man receives by faith! (See John 1:12).

7 Raising Lazarus (11:1-44). Jesus did this sign to show the glory & power of God and to give a preview of His resurrection soon to come. Jesus told Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me shall never die.” (11:25).

The Ultimate Sign: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (John 20). Jesus’ resurrection is the ultimate sign that His death for the sins of the world was complete and acceptable to the Father. His resurrection was the ultimate sign that He had won the final victory over sin and death and the devil. That victory is ours in Christ when we trust in Him as our Savior and follow Him as our Lord!

