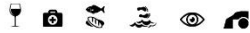


S I G N S



“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

THE SEVEN SIGNS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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: (1) *Spend time this week reading John 11-14 & take note of the events & words that begin to point towards Jesus' coming death & resurrection. Circle the word believe or eternal life (life).*

READ: John 6:1-15

1. Jesus' 4th Sign convinced the crowd that Jesus was “the prophet” (v14) prophesied about by Moses (see Deut. 18:15). The Jews of Jesus's day were expecting a 2nd Moses-type deliverer. One that would powerfully, physically deliver them from Rome just like Moses had delivered their forefathers from Egypt. This is crucial to understanding the context.
2. Again, the multiplying of the fish & bread immediately made the crowd think of Moses and the provision of manna in particular. (Exodus 16). What other similarities do you see?

NOW READ: John 6:22-77

3. Jesus' feeding the 20,000 (including women & children) with 2 fish & 5 loaves of bread set the stage for His radical announcement that He was The Bread of Life! (35, 48, 51). The crowd wanted more physical bread but Jesus offered them Himself. They didn't want Jesus, they wanted the blessings that He could give them. In what ways do you fall into that same trap of physical blessings over spiritual?
4. Jesus equates “*eating his flesh*” & “*drinking his blood*” with believing in him for eternal life. (29, 35, 40, 47-51). Why do you think Jesus used such a graphic & offensive illustration to describe real faith? Notice the flow of the passage.
5. In the end, most walked away from Jesus (66). Why do you think they walked away at this point?

NEXT STEP: In contrast to the crowd Peter beautifully proclaims faith in Christ (68-69). What shifts do you need to make in your faith journey to be less like the crowd and more like Peter?