

SERIES THROUGH HIM JOHN 4-6

SO THAT YOU MAY MARVEL

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John 4:46-54, John 5:1-15, John 6:1-15, John 6:16-24

Good morning Church family! Encountering Jesus changes everything! Today we are experiencing the ministry of Jesus. My name is Adam Watson I am a friend of Fellowships. I am missionary church planter with my family moving to London.

As Caleb started us out this past week we are in a series on the book of John. His sermon *So that you may believe* launches us into this book on faith in Christ. These 7 Signs of John are based on the words that the apostle John writes near the end of his gospel. He said, “Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**” (John 20:30-31) According to this passage, John, who was with Jesus from the start and saw all the miracles performed, selected these particular miracles and included them in this specific order for a purpose—to open the eyes of the unbeliever to have faith in the real Christ and gain eternal life. These miracle stories in the gospel of John are the stories that are best to present the true Christ to an unbelieving heart.

We are invited to observe the ways, words, and worth. Jesus continually says come and follow me. Let us fall in love with Him fresh today. Let's gush over the goodness of our savior together. Let us wonder and be filled with awe at our King Jesus. When you read these scriptures and hear these stories of Jesus miracles today, put yourself there. In the moment, imagine the smells, the noise, the celebration, the tears, the fullness of all that Jesus is doing. Ask God to keep your eyes and ears open to what Jesus is doing. See where the physical and spiritual intersect in the word of God.

So far in the book of John 1 In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. I want to give us a lens for us to look through today.

Repeatedly we are going to fall in love with Jesus in awe and wonder. **John 5:20** “For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, *so that you may marvel.*”

- **Ways - the worst of people loved to hang with Jesus even though he demanded radical goodness. He was winsome, living the Kingdom way of life.**
- **Words - how Jesus spoke words of eternal life and how He lived what He taught and taught by how He lived.**
- **Worth - people fell shamelessly in love with Jesus who claimed to be all satisfying.**

Jesus says, I AM BREAD. I AM WATER. I AM LIGHT. I AM ETERNAL LIFE. **In John 14:6** “**I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.**” THROUGH HIM WE HAVE LIFE.

My prayer today is that we do not take Jesus for granted. Friends I am going to make a bold statement and a confession at the same time.

He John 3:17 “the Father did not send the son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through.”

Samaritan Woman - CHOSEN PICTURE - Woman at the well narrative

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), 3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. 4 **And he had to pass through Samaria.** 5 **So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar**, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, **"Give me a drink."** 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, **"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."** 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, **"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."** 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." 16 Jesus said to her, **"Go, call your husband, and come here."** 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, **"You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."** 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, **"Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."** 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, **"I who speak to you am he."** 27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

He is intentional about His fathers business. The geography matters today. The journey we will be on in these two chapters hows thousands of purposes. JEWS VS SAMARITANS. Different colored water fountains. Did not end until 1964.

- His approach, His words.
- You are a Jew, what do you want with me?
- He tells her about her sin. He knows our stories deeply.
- The ways Jesus interacts with her. Is not only intercultural then. It is the way of the Kingdom. He offers forgiveness, freedom, and purpose.
- Words This Messiah you speak of, I AM HE. 26 "Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."¹
- Worth - a heart for Messiah.
- Worship in Spirit and Truth

Imagery of water analogy. The well, Jacobs well. Living water, you will never go thirsty. Healing the paralytic, walking on water,

A teaching point I want to introduce the pattern of each of the signs of Jesus. In chapters 4-10 we see the rhythm of the following. John is teaching us today y this pattern.

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 4:26.

1. Sign or Miracle
2. Reaction of people and claim of Jesus
3. A choice must be made

The main reason for Jesus’...however, was to demonstrate that God was with Him, and that He was the promised Savior sent from God. - Billy Graham²

As we enter into these supernatural signs and wonders of Jesus ministry we have the opportunity to fall in love with Jesus again. But at the end of today we must make a choice. When we encounter the miracles of Jesus we cannot ignore His nature being fully God and fully man. Jesus is offering us a moment to answer just as the disciples answer who do you say I am.

1) John 4:46-54 - The Healing of the Royal Official's Son in Capernaum 3

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.”³

Ways - Belief

- Words - **“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.”
- Worth - trust in the authority of Jesus.

An official's son to an outcast.

2) John 5:1-15 - The Healing of the Paralytic at Bethesda

PICTURE

Ways: “After this 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, 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.”⁴

Words: **“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.”⁵

He is asked by Jesus do you want to be healed. His response and reaction shows us his heart. 38 years of being paralyzed, 38 years of living the lie that the only way to freedom was this pool of water. Then Jesus the ultimate living water shows up in his face and he

² Billy Graham, interview. December 3, 2020

³ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 4:47–50.

⁴ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 5:1–5.

⁵ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 5:6–9.

not only finds his identity in his disability... he first makes an excuse out of his loneliness and brokenness. Yet Jesus ways are higher than our ways. Jesus responds with authority, get up, take up your mat and walk. Friends we are this man. We are the people who abandoned the paralyzed man.

Worth: 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! **Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.**” 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.”⁶

Jesus used His power, upside-down Kingdom power, to help the powerless with powerful service. Notice what He says in verse 14. **That nothing worse may happen to you...** the physical and spiritual connect here. Jesus warns the man about His soul.

Note: Jesus heals the paralytic on the Sabbath. This is why the pharisees got angry with Jesus. They got made at Him for healing on the Sabbath. BUT Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath and He is our ultimate rest.

Marvel at the works of Jesus. Marvel at His goodness. **John 5:20 “For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.”**⁷

3) John 6:1-15 - The Feeding of the 5000

Ways: The little boy. Andrew notices and gives all that the boy has to Jesus. Jesus looks up to Heaven, why? Multiplication

Words: 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.⁸

Worth: He blesses them ALL.

4) John 6:16-24 - Jesus Walking on Water

6:19 “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.”⁹

PICTURE

- **Worth:** He does not shame the disciples for being afraid of Him.
- Foreshadowing. Picture of the Trinity
- Note: Where have SPIRIT HOVERING OVER THE WATER

⁶ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 5:14–15.

⁷ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 5:20.

⁸ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 6:5–6.

⁹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jn 6:19–21.

- John 6:44 The Father draws.

GOSPEL POINT OF JESUS FULFILLING ALL THINGS

1. Samaritan woman -
2. Officials son -
3. Paralytic by the pool -
4. Feeding 5000 -
5. Walking on water -

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 - a. Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?
 - b. Do you want to be healed?

*Every miracle of Jesus is a fulfillment of the word spoken about Him and a picture of what is to come. **Revelation 21:3-4** “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. **4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.**”¹⁰

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HE HOLDS THE WORDS OF LIFE

Confess your sins. Know your need of Jesus. Marvel at His goodness. The beauty of the gospel. The gospel of the Kingdom!

INVITATION to Salvation. Rededicate your life to Christ. | PRAYER

¹⁰ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Re 21:3–4.