

# Purpose of the Gospel

**John 20.30-31:** 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.

# Seven Signs

Sign = miracle that reveals/points to Jesus as Messiah, Son of God

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- Raises Lazarus from the grave (11.38-44)

# Power over Nature

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- 1<sup>st</sup> sign
- Indicates new era has dawned because the Messiah has come (see Isaiah 25.6)

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- I am the Bread of Life
- Jesus provides for our physical and spiritual needs

Walks on water (6.16-21)

- Water = chaos, even evil
- Jesus triumphs over darkness
- See Jesus' divinity (see Job 9.8)

# Power over Sickness

Heals royal official's son (4.46-54)

- Importance of faith
- He took Jesus at His word and departed
- Jesus is trustworthy

Heals man who had been paralyzed for 38yrs (5.1-13)

- Jesus is merciful
- Heals on Sabbath – Lord of Sabbath

Heals man born blind (9.1-12)

- His condition was thought to be tied to sin
- I am the Light of the World

# Power over Death

Raises Lazarus from the grave (11.38-44)

- I am the Resurrection and the Life.
- Compassion

# Messiah/Son of God

Messiah/Son of God	Rescues us from
Bread of Life	Hunger
Light of the World	Darkness
Gate for the Sheep	Enemy
Good Shepherd	Enemy
Resurrection and the Life	Death
The Way, the Truth, and the Life	Being lost, lies, death
Vine	Wasting our life

# Believe

- I am the bread of life. Whoever **comes to Me** will never go hungry, and whoever **believes in Me** will never be thirsty. (6.35)
- I am the light of the world. Whoever **follows Me** will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. (8.12)
- I am the gate for the sheep... whoever **enters through Me** will be saved. (10.7)
- I am the resurrection and the life. The one who **believes in Me** will live, even though they die; and whoever believes in Me will never die. (11.25-26)
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# Only Three Wishes?



Ephesians 3.20-21: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.