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**The Eight Signs in John's Gospel  
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The Gospel of John is built around eight signs; and, as in the sign of the Sabbath, the signs in this gospel point to things *beyond* the signs themselves.

(Note: The Sabbath was a sign, and a sign in Scripture always points to something *beyond itself*. The Sabbath, as a sign, points to a seventh-day rest which God will enter into with His people ["the people of God" in [Hebrews 4:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+4.9&t=NKJV)] *following* six previous days of restorative work. The Sabbath was given to Israel to keep the thought *ever* before the nation that God, in accordance with the opening verses of Genesis, was going to *work* six days to effect the restoration of that presently in a ruined state [both man and the material creation] and then *rest* the seventh day [[Exodus 31:16-17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+31.16-17&t=NKJV)].)

It is the Jews who *require* a sign ([I Corinthians 1:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=I+Corinthians+1.22&t=NKJV)); and these signs, taken from numerous signs which Jesus performed during His earthly ministry, are directed (as was His ministry in that day) to the Jewish people. Jesus performed these signs for one central purpose:

*"...that ye* [the Jewish people] *might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name"* ([John 20:30-31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+20.30-31&t=NKJV); *cf.* [John 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+2.11&t=NKJV); [5:46-47](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.46-47&t=NKJV); [6:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.14&t=NKJV), [21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.21&t=NKJV); [11:45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+11.45&t=NKJV)).

Seven of the eight signs in John's gospel were performed in connection with particular days, all in perfect keeping with one another, all in perfect keeping with the sign of the Sabbath, and all in perfect keeping with the septenary structure of Scripture. And all of the signs refer, after different fashions, to the *same thing*. All of them refer to *Israel's coming salvation and restoration*.

The **first** sign, in [John 2:1-11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+2.1-11&t=NKJV), has to do with Jesus turning the water in six waterpots to wine\* ("six," is man's number; the "waterpots" were made from the earth, as man; they were filled with "water," symbolizing the Word ([Ephesians 5:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+5.26&t=NKJV)); and, through Divine intervention, a change ensued). This sign, pointing to the *future deliverance* of Israel (seen through a marriage in Cana of Galilee, foreshadowing that time when God *restores* Israel as His *wife* [*cf.* [Genesis 25:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+25.1&t=NKJV)]), occurred on the seventh day ([John 1:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.29&t=NKJV), [35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.35&t=NKJV), [43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.43&t=NKJV); [2:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+2.1&t=NKJV)), which is *when* Israel will be *saved and restored yet future*. [[Signs in John's Gospel First Sign](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf13/Signs%20in%20John's%20Gospel%20First%20Sign.pdf)]

\*(Aside: Some say, "The unconscious waters saw their God and blushed”.)

The **second** sign, in [John 4:40-54](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+4.40-54&t=NKJV), has to do with the healing of a nobleman's son. This sign occurred after Jesus had spent *two* days with the Samaritans, on the third day ([John 4:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+4.40&t=NKJV), [43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+4.43&t=NKJV)). It will be *after* two days visiting "the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name," on the *third* day, that Jesus will *return* to the Jewish people and the nation will be *healed* (*cf.* [Isaiah 1:1-2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+1.1-2.5&t=NKJV); [Hosea 5:15-6:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hosea+5.15-6.2&t=NKJV); [Acts 15:14-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+15.14-18&t=NKJV)). [[Signs in John's Gospel Second Sign](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf13/Signs%20in%20John's%20Gospel%20Second%20Sign.pdf)]

The **third** sign, in [John 5:1-9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+5.1-9&t=NKJV), has to do with a man being healed on the Sabbath, after being physically sick for thirty-eight years ([John 1:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.5&t=NKJV), [9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.9&t=NKJV)). The reference (in the type) would be to the healing of the nation through the *second* generation of Israelites being allowed to *enter* the land under Joshua after thirty-eight years (dating from the overthrow at Kadesh-Barnea), referring to that time (in the antitype) when the nation will be *healed* and be *allowed* to *enter* the land under Christ, an event which will occur on the seventh day, the Sabbath. [[Signs in John's Gospel Third Sign](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf13/Signs%20in%20John's%20Gospel%20Third%20Sign.pdf)]

The **fourth** sign, in [John 6:1-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.1-14&t=NKJV), has to do with bread being provided for the multitudes; and this sign occurred in connection with the Passover ([John 6:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.4&t=NKJV)). Jesus is that "bread of life" which will be provided for the nation *yet future* ([John 6:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.35&t=NKJV)); and the Passover is the festival in [Leviticus 23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23&t=NKJV) which has to do with the *future* salvation of Israel, when the nation will *receive* the true "bread of life." Israel has slain the Lamb (*cf.* [Exodus 12:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12.6&t=NKJV); [Acts 2:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+2.36&t=NKJV); [3:14-15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+3.14-15&t=NKJV)), but the nation *has yet* to apply the blood (*cf.* [Exodus 12:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12.7&t=NKJV), [13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12.13&t=NKJV); [Zechariah 12:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10&t=NKJV); [Romans 11:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+11.26&t=NKJV)). [[Signs in John's Gospel Fourth Sign](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf13/Signs%20in%20John's%20Gospel%20Fourth%20Sign.pdf)]

The **fifth** sign, in [John 6:15-21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.15-21&t=NKJV), has to do with Christ's departure, a storm, His return, the disciples' attitude toward Him at this time, and the geographical location in which they subsequently found themselves. It points to Christ's *departure* from Israel two thousand years ago ([John 6:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.15&t=NKJV)), the *coming* Tribulation, with Israel scattered among the nations ([John 6:16-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.16-18&t=NKJV)), Christ's *return* ([John 6:19-20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.19-20&t=NKJV)), the Jewish people *receiving* Him ([John 6:21a](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.21a&t=NKJV)), and the nation's *restoration* to the land ([John 6:21b](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+6.21b&t=NKJV)). This is the *only* sign which does *not* refer to particular days, but the chronology must be understood in the light of the *other* seven signs. [[Signs in John's Gospel Fifth Sign](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf13/Signs%20in%20John's%20Gospel%20Fifth%20Sign.pdf)]

The **sixth** sign, in [John 9:1-41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+9.1-41&t=NKJV), has to do with the healing of a blind man, on the Sabbath day ([John 9:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+9.14&t=NKJV)). This points to Israel's *future* deliverance from her blindness ([Romans 11:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+11.25&t=NKJV)), which will occur on the seventh day, the Sabbath. Or, as in [Luke 24:13-31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+24.13-31&t=NKJV), it will occur *after* two days (dating from the crucifixion), on *the third day* ([John 9:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+9.21&t=NKJV)). [[Signs in John's Gospel Sixth Sign](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf13/Signs%20in%20John's%20Gospel%20Sixth%20Sign.pdf)]

The **seventh** sign, in [John 11:1-44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+11.1-44&t=NKJV), has to do with the resurrection of Lazarus. This resurrection occurred *after* Jesus had been out of the land of Judaea *two* days, *on* the *third* day ([John 11:6-7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+11.6-7&t=NKJV)), after Lazarus had lain in the grave *four* days ([John 11:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+11.17&t=NKJV)). This points to Israel's *future* resurrection ([Ezekiel 37:12-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+37.12-14&t=NKJV); [Daniel 12:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+12.2&t=NKJV)), *after* two days, *on* the third day; and at this time Israel *will have been* in the place of death four days, dating *four* millenniums *back* to Abraham. [[Signs in John's Gospel Seventh Sign](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf13/Signs%20in%20John's%20Gospel%20Seventh%20Sign.pdf)]

The **eighth** sign, in [John 20:1-29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+20.1-29&t=NKJV), has to do with the resurrection of Christ. This resurrection occurred *after* two days, on the third day. God's firstborn Son had been *raised* on the third day, pointing to *all* of God's firstborn Sons -- *Christ*, *Israel*, and *the Church* (*following* the adoption) -- being *raised* up to live in God's sight on that coming third, seventh day, the *Messianic Era*. [[Signs in John's Gospel Eighth Sign](http://lampbroadcast.org/plets/ppdf13/Signs%20in%20John's%20Gospel%20Eighth%20Sign.pdf)]

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