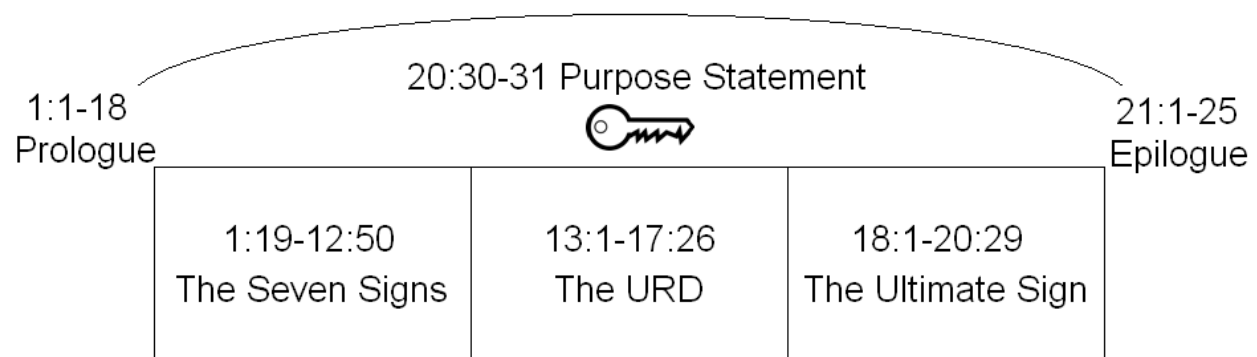


The Seven Signs of the Gospel of John

Sign #1: Water Into Wine

John 2:1-11



Q: What are “Signs” in the Gospel of John?

A1: The meaning of the original Greek word (σημειον):

Signs are miracles with a message: think signposts/spotlights; in his Gospel, the Apostle John selected seven specific miracles to confirm who Jesus is and what He taught.

A2: The purpose statement of the book (John 20:30-31):

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Q: What are the Seven Signs of the Gospel of John?

1. Water into wine (2:1-11)
2. Healing the Royal Official's son in Capernaum (4:46-54)
3. Healing the Paralytic at the Pool of Bethesda (5:1-15)
4. Feeding the 5000 men and their families (6:5-14)
5. Walking on the Sea of Galilee (6:16-24)
6. Healing the Man Born Blind (9:1-7)
7. The Supernatural Resuscitation of Lazarus (11:1-45)

John 2:1-11

A Subtle and Surprising Sign Miracle

The Setting 2:1-2

On the third day

The third day after Jesus and His first Disciples (JAPAN = John, Andrew, Peter/Philip and Nathanael) had returned to Galilee-in the immediate aftermath of the first interaction between Jesus and John the Baptist since the baptism

There was a “wedding” in Cana of Galilee

This refers not just to the wedding/vows but primarily “the wedding reception”, which in this culture was a major social/community event and could last for many days

Both Jesus and His Disciples were invited to the wedding

Mormonism claims Jesus was the groom at this wedding!?! If so, why didn't John mention this fact and why would Jesus “be invited” to His own wedding?

The Status Quo 2:3-2:4

No More Refreshments for the Guests!?!

This would not have just threw a wrench into the festivities/the reception, it would have been a social embarrassment for the groom/the bride, the groom and their families

The mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine!?!?!”

This is a statement that was actually a command from a mother's heart. Mary KNEW Jesus was the Messiah. She also knew He had left the family business to be baptized as the Messiah by God's greatest prophet, John the Baptizing Jew, He had faced down Satan himself and He had attracted five Disciples, As a good mom, Mary is nudging Jesus here to meet a real need and more importantly to energize the beginning of His public ministry by doing a sign miracle...

Jesus said to her “what is that to Me and to you?” which is an idiom meaning, “what this situation means to Me is different than what it means to you!”

Jesus knew what would be the best timing for Him to begin doing public sign miracles to validate who He was and what He taught. His plan was to initiate that aspect of His ministry in Jerusalem (2:13-22) during the upcoming Passover celebration. However, sensitive to Mary's concerns....He would meet the need miraculously, but in a subtle way consistent with His overall planning/purpose.

The 1st Sign Miracle 2:5-10

Jesus had the servants

1: Fill six large pots with water [miracle alert]

2: Draw some out and give to the head caterer

Spectacular stuff done by the Lord but subtly to avoid drawing attention to Himself

The head caterer not knowing about the miracle, confirmed the miracle

The point: this event really happened and it was a miracle/supernatural

The Significance of This Miracle 2:11

This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory/His true deity and His Disciples believed in Him

That is their faith in Him as the Christ was confirmed/reinforced by this miracle because it was a signpost, a spotlight on Him as the Unique Person of the Universe, the Issue/Issuer of E-Life.

Take This To Heart

Through the 1st Sign of the Gospel of John Changing Water into Wine:
Our Lord Jesus Demonstrated His Supernatural Power over Creation/Chemistry
And in a Way that Honored Both His Human Mother and His Heavenly Father

True Biblical Disciples of Jesus Should Realize

Doing the "Right Thing"

Must Be Done the Right Way with the Right Reason(s)