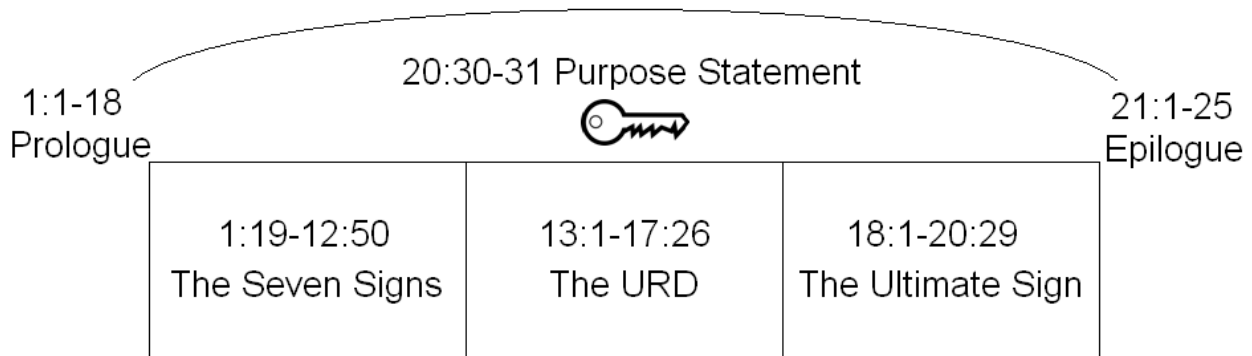


# The Seven Signs of the Gospel of John

## Sign #7: Raising of Lazarus

### John 10:40-11:57



### 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 (9:1-41)
- 7. The Supernatural Resuscitation of Lazarus (10:40-11:57)**

# **John 10:40-11:57**

**Jesus Raising of Lazarus from the Dead Catalyzes Both Saving Faith, Unbelievable Unbelief and Signals the Last Phase of the Life of Christ**

## **The Death of Lazarus 10:40–11:37**

**The Lord Jesus Knew He Was Dying But Did Not Prevent It**

1. The Setting (The Poll Numbers are Not Good Especially with the VIPs) 10:40–11:3
2. Jesus Purposely Delayed Coming to Bethany Even Though Lazarus Was Dying 11:4-16  
There ARE (many) things much worse than death (for believers)
3. Jesus Supported the Faith and the Grief of Mary and Martha 11:17-37  
Even real believers can be so traumatized they stop “feeling” their faith

## **The Raising of Lazarus (the 7<sup>th</sup> Sign Miracle) 11:38-44**

**The Lord Jesus Performed Miracle as a Major Signpost Validating His Words/Person**  
Proof Positive: Jesus was/is the Basis of Resurrection and Everlasting Life

## **The Aftermath of the Death/Raising of Lazarus 11:45-57**

**Reception of Jesus by Some, Rejection of Jesus by Others and a Respite by Jesus**

1. While a Good Many People Put Their Faith in the One Who Had Raised Lazarus, the Sanhedrin Summarily Rejected Jesus as the Christ/Plotted to Arrest Him and Have Him Killed ASAP 11:45-53  
True Then and Now: The Driving Motivation of Corrupt Leaders  
a: Keep the Status Quo Going...Because It is Always GREAT for Them!  
b: If Anything Gets in the Way Run Over It!
- 2: Meanwhile, Jesus Temporarily Withdrew Outside of Jerusalem 11:54-57  
Anticipating the Passion Week and His Crucifixion/Resurrection

## **Take This To Heart**

Spiritually Hardened People Will “Explain Away” Any/All Evidence that Jesus is the Christ  
Spiritually Open People Can Move From Biblical Evidence to Believe that Jesus in the Christ

Believers Have Been Promised Everlasting Life by Him Who Raised the Dead/Healed the Blind and Who Made Atonement for Sin on His Cross/Validated by His Resurrection from the Dead.

Salvation is Not Something Sinners Do for God...  
...It is Something Jesus Christ Does for/in Sinners Who Believe in Him.