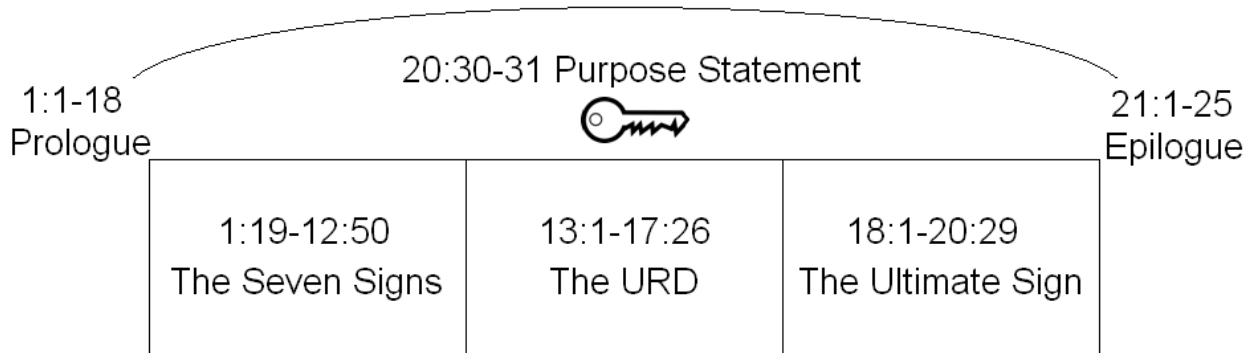


# The Seven Signs of the Gospel of John

Really Good Things Can Happen at Breakfast 21:1-25



## 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 (11:1-45)

**THE SIGN: The Resurrection of Christ (20:1-29/2:18-22)**

**An Extra Sign: The Miraculous Catch of Fish (21:1-25)**

## **Breakfast on the Shore of the Sea of Galilee v1-14**

### **The Risen Christ Interacts with Seven of His Disciples “Far” from Jerusalem**

Further confirming 1: The reality of His resurrection and 2: Their (and our) ongoing ministry living for Him and rejoicing in/proclaiming His resurrection (Acts 10:39-43)

### **The “Mystery” of the 153 Fish**

What does this number REALLY mean? Lots of theories, only ONE contextually valid answer.

## **Broken Peter Called to Serve Despite His Stumbles v15-23**

### **The Risen Christ Spiritually Rehabilitates a Flawed Follower**

Jesus is not any less gracious to believers who stumble...

...than He was to us when we first came to Him in faith for salvation

**Problem:** Peter the unofficial leader of the 12 Disciples had failed under fire three times

**Solution:** The Savior/Sustainer walks Peter through a three-fold affirmation of his love

**Q1: Do you (really) love Me (more than these)?** love = agapao (αγαπω level 1)

A1: Yes, Lord; you know that I love you! love = phileo (φιλεω level 2) LJC: Tend My lambs.

**Q2: Do you love Me?** love = agapao (αγαπω level 1)

A2: Yes, Lord; you know that I love you! love = phileo (φιλεω level 2) LJC: Shepherd My sheep.

**Q3: Do you love me?** love = phileo (φιλεω level 2)

A3: You know that I love You. love = phileo (φιλεω level 2) LJC: Tend My sheep.

### **The Bath of Salvation: Happens One Time**

The Terms for an Unregenerate Person: “Believe in Jesus” (John 3:14-18; 6:39-40)

### **The Washing of Fellowship: Happens Time after Time as Needed (1 John 1:5-2:2)**

The Terms for a Believer: “Abide in Jesus” (John 8:30-31; 15:1-5)

### **What Jesus Said (21:22)**

IF I want HIM to live until I come back, don’t obsess over that! YOU follow Me now/on Earth

### **What People Said Jesus Meant (21:23)**

The Apostle John would live physically on Earth until the beginning of the End-Times

## **Backstory of the Gospel of John 21:24-25**

**For Real...This Document is Eyewitness Testimony from a Reliable Source!**

### **Take This To Heart**

1: Interpreting ANY text (in the Bible, in the Constitution, in the Duncan Banner) inconsistently with the context...is a pretext for misunderstanding the text.

2: If the literal sense (21:11) makes sense (in context), seek no other sense...lest you end up with nonsense.

# Salvation/Judicial Forgiveness

Jesus Gives the Sinner Who Believes the Bath of Salvation

Given by God as the Righteous Divine Judge (Hebrews 12:23)

Based on the Work of Christ (Romans 3:24)

Once for All/Not Repeated (Psalm 103:12/Ephesians 1:7)

Received by Faith in Christ (Romans 5:1)

Brings Us into God's Family (John 1:12)

Remedies Separation from God in Eternity (Revelation 20:11-15)

**Justification by Faith (Romans 3:21-5:21)**

# Christian Life/Fellowship Forgiveness

Jesus Gives the Regenerate Believer: a Spiritual Foot Washin'

Given by God as Our Heavenly Father (Luke 11:2-4)

Based on the Work of Christ (1 John 1:5-2:2)

Repeated (Proverbs 28:13)

Received by Confession to God (1 John 1:9)

Returns Us to Fellowship within God's Family (John 13:8-11)

Remedies Relational Separation from God Now (Psa 32; 51; 66:18)

**Sanctification by Faithfulness (Romans 6:1-8:30)**