

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are beginning a new series of studies on Themes in the Gospel of John. Today's topic: SIGNS THAT POINT THE WAY.

1) The purpose of the signs recorded in the Gospel of John

- a. John 20:30-31 Why did the apostle John, guided by the Holy Spirit, record certain events from the life and ministry of Jesus in his Gospel record?
- b. Tragically, how did many eyewitnesses respond to the signs they saw during the life and ministry of Jesus? John 12:37
- c. What important preparation is needed as we begin our in-depth, interactive study of this inspired account of the life and ministry of Jesus? John 16:13, Luke 11:13, James 1:5, etc.

2) A first sign in Cana of Galilee

- a. John 2:1-11 What important lessons can we learn from this “beginning of signs”?
- b. How did this “sign” in Cana point back to the signs and wonders performed by the LORD when the children of Israel were delivered from bondage in Egypt? Deuteronomy 26:8, 18:15, Matthew 17:5
- c. What was the first sign Jesus revealed to you that confirmed His identity as your Savior?

3) A second sign—healing the nobleman’s son

- a. John 4:46-54 How does this second miracle of Jesus differ from the first sign in Cana?
- b. When is it appropriate to ask Jesus for a miracle? John 14:12-14, 1 John 5:14-15, Luke 22:42
- c. Share a time when you prayed for a miracle in the name of Jesus. How did God answer your prayer?

4) A third sign—healing at the Pool of Bethesda

- a. John 5:1-9 What impresses you as you hear about this miracle of healing?
- b. What are your thoughts about this long-held tradition of an angel stirring the water?
- c. What does the question of Jesus recorded in John 5:6 reveal about Jesus and about the paralytic?
- d. Share a time when you felt trapped in a hopeless situation. How did Jesus give you hope?
- e. What lessons can we learn from the events that followed this healing at the Pool of Bethesda? John 5:10-16?

5) Why did Jesus perform “signs”?

- a. John 5:17-19
- b. What prophecy did Jesus give about greater signs to come? John 5:20-30
- c. John 5:31-47 How did the signs Jesus performed confirm that He was the Messiah?
- d. How does a personal surrender to Jesus as our Savior and Lord help us to identify the signs He performs in our lives day by day?

