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A STUDY OF THE
GOSPEL OF JOHN
2017-2018

PREVIEW OF LESSON 7
JOHN 4:43-5:47

Jesus Incurs Jews' Hostility Over Sabbath Issue



MEMORIAL DRIVE
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A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuPxXEMFbKE>

MEMORY VERSE

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned but has crossed over from death to life.

John 5: 24

WITNESS



SIGNS

DEFINITION OF “SIGNS”

IN THE OT:

Remarkable events which witness to the will of God

IN JOHN’S GOSPEL

- “*SEMEIA*” – GREEK—Miracles intended to produce faith.
- Jesus is the one who performs the works of God which are the acts of salvation.

John's Gospel is planned as a kind of treasure hunt with careful and sometimes cryptic clues for us to follow. The first clue is when Jesus turned the water into wine. The second clue is when he heals the official's son. After that John expects us to count for ourselves.

—John for Everyone, N.T. Wright



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SIGNS

FROM

JOHN'S

GOSPEL

New Wine

John 2:1-11

Official's Son Healed

John 4:43-54

Paralysed Man Walks

John 5:1-24

5000 Fed

John 6:1-15

Walking on Water

John 6:16-34

Blind Man Sees

John 9:1-41

Jesus Resurrected

John 11



Martus : Greek for “witness”

In the NT, a witness is one who can testify to the deeds of Jesus in his ministry, death and resurrection
(Acts 1:22)

1. THE SECOND “SIGN”: HEALING THE OFFICIAL’S SON

2. THE THIRD “SIGN”: HEALING ON THE SABBATH

3. JESUS’ DEFENSE

– OPENING STATEMENT

– TESTIMONY OF JESUS’ WITNESSES

THE SECOND SIGN

HEALING THE OFFICIAL'S SON

A seeming contradiction: John 5: 43-44

The issue, according to N.T. Wright:

The Word has become flesh but what if people admire the flesh so much they forget about the Word?



The Royal Official
Moves from Limited
Faith to Full Faith in
Jesus as Messiah

He Trusts Jesus
And Verifies

THE THIRD SIGN

**HEALING THE LAME MAN
ON THE SABBATH**

- **WHY DID JESUS ASK THE MAN IF HE WANTED TO BE HEALED?**
- **WHY DID JESUS CHOOSE TO HEAL HIM ON THE SABBATH?**
- **WHY DID THE MAN SHIFT BLAME TO JESUS WHEN THE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES CONFRONTED HIM?**

- **WHY DID JESUS RETURN AND SPEAK TO HIM A SECOND TIME?**
- **WHAT EFFECT DID THAT SECOND ENCOUNTER HAVE ON THE MAN?**

JESUS' DEFENSE

THE OPENING STATEMENT

JOHN 5: 16-30

JESUS' DEFENSE

CALLING THE WITNESSES

JOHN 5: 31-40

JESUS' DEFENSE

WITNESS 1: John the Baptist

John pointed to Me as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

WITNESS 2: Jesus' Miracles (Signs)

The miracles he performed were done to authenticate his identity as the Son of God.

JESUS' DEFENSE

WITNESS 3: The Father

The Father affirmed His identity as God's Son at his baptism (and later at the Transfiguration.

WITNESS 4: The Scriptures

Moses was writing about Him and verifies His identity.

Applying The Lesson in Your Life

Have you experienced or observed something you would define as a miracle in your life or in the life of someone close to you?

Why do you call this event a “miracle”?