



JESUS CRASHES A WEDDING: SIGNS IN JOHN

KENNETH MARTINEZ / THE GOSPEL OF JOHN / JOHN 2:1-11

JOHN 20:30-31 NIV

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

In John, the signs (sēmeion) that Jesus performed have two purposes:

- Prove that Jesus is the son of God.
- Awaken faith in mankind.

Traditionally, there are 7, but there is no fixed number in the text. The only numbered ones are 1st (2:11) and 2nd (4:54). Other times signs are mentioned: 6:14, 7:31, 9:16, 12:18, 20:30, etc.

GOD LOVES FUN, FAMILIES, AND FAITH

God loves fun. John 2:1-4

- Jesus went to the wedding just to enjoy it.
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God loves families. John 2:5

- Mary assumed Jesus would help this family. She was right.
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God loves faith. John 2:6-11

- God is sovereign.
- He also responds to faith.
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MATTHEW 7:7-11 NIV

⁷ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

KEEP ON ASKING IN FAITH!

CALL TO ACTION

1. Do something fun tonight and invite God's presence there.
2. Involve Jesus in your marriage in a new way this week.
3. Ask for something that will awaken someone else's faith.

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JESUS HEALS A CHILD: SIGNS IN JOHN

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40 to 50 percent of kids who graduate from a church or youth group will fail to stick with their faith in college.

-Powell & Clark

JESUS WANTS PARENTS TO HAVE FAITH

When it comes to kids' faith, parents get what they are.

-Christian Smith

Living out our faith as parents:

- Practice spiritual disciplines on your own.
- Talk naturally about Jesus.
- Apologize liberally and effusively.

JESUS WANTS PARENTS TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO HIM

Kids who attended a religious service at least once per week scored higher on psychological well-being measurements and had lower risks of mental illness.

-Chen & VanderWeele

Developing faith in our kids:

- Create spiritual routines at home.
- Provide spaces to verbalize their faith, doubts, and calling.
- Create a network of Christian adults in their lives.

Kids with at least 5 meaningful adult relationships are a lot more likely to stay in the faith.

-Powell & Clark

JESUS WANTS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL CHILDREN

80% of Christians accepted Jesus before age 14.

90% before age 25.

-Darron Pratt

CALL TO ACTION

1. Parents:
Bring Jesus into family conversations this week.
2. Parents:
Create one new spiritual routine at home this month.
3. Church:
Get involved in a kids-related ministry.
4. Kids:
Ask your parents the meaning of following Jesus.

EXTRA RESOURCES

Kara E. Powell and Clark Chap, *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011)

Ying Chen and Tyler J. VanderWeele, "Associations of Religious Upbringing With Subsequent Health and Well-Being From Adolescence to Young Adulthood: An Outcome-Wide Analysis," *AJE*, September 13, 2018, <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/press-releases/religious-upbringing-adult-health/>



JESUS MAKES SOME PEOPLE MAD

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JESUS GATHERED FOR WORSHIP ON SABBATH

Luke 4:16 NIV

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.

Jesus kept Sabbath: Luke 4:16; John 6:59; Mark 1:21, 39, 6:1-2, etc.

The apostles kept Sabbath: Luke 23:56; Acts 6:9; Rev 1:9.

Paul kept Sabbath: Acts 9:20, 13:14, 15:23, 17:2, 18:4, etc.

Post-resurrection disciples are to keep Sabbath: Matthew 24:20; James 2:10-11.

JESUS SAID THAT SABBATH IS A GIFT

Mark 2:27-28 NIV

²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Sabbath is not a _____. It's a _____.

BDAG (σώζω): save, preserve, rescue, keep from harm, thrive, prosper, get well, heal from disease.

Being saved means _____.

John 5:16-17 NIV

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working."

Jesus continues to work on Sabbath so you can rest.

Sabbath is a weekly reminder we are human *beings*, not human *doings*.

- Peter Scazzero

JESUS SAID THAT SABBATH IS FOR DOING GOOD

Matthew 12:9-12 NIV

⁹ He went into their synagogue, ¹⁰ and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" ¹¹ He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

	Sabbath in OT	Sabbath in Jesus' Ministry
Worship Gathering	Leviticus 26:3	Luke 4:16
Resting	Exodus 20:8-11	Mark 2:27-28
Promote Rest On Others	Deuteronomy 5:14-15	Matthew 12:12

Jesus shows that God designed Sabbath for worship, rest, and service.

CALL TO ACTION

Follow Jesus' example about Sabbath.

- Commit to join the worship gathering every Sabbath.
- Brainstorm how you can make Sabbath more fun.
- Ask the pastors about opportunities to do good on Sabbath.

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JESUS SERVES A BUFFET: SIGNS IN JOHN

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DISCIPLES EMBARK ON A GROWTH JOURNEY | John 6:5-9

Jesus prayed with His disciples: Luke 9:18, 11:1, 22:39-40, etc.

Jesus taught His disciples in private: Mk 4:34, 8:14-16, 9:30-32; Mt 24:3, etc.

Jesus sent His disciples to local missions: Mk 3:14-15, 6:7-13; Mt 10:5-8;

Luke 10:1-4, etc.

DISCIPLES ARE PART OF SOMEONE ELSE'S JOURNEY | John 6:10-11

Mark 6:34 NIV: When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

So he began teaching them many things.

Matthew 14:14 NIV: When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Luke 9:11 NIV: He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

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SPIRITUAL NEEDS	PHYSICAL NEEDS
Worship & Tech	Volunteering at AdventHealth
God Squad & Hosts	"Do Good, Feel Good" Groups
KIDSMIN & NXTGEN	ThankFULL Dinner
Bible Studies	Christmas Store

A life of following Jesus is the most exciting, rewarding, awe-striking life you can live.

DISCIPLES RECEIVE SUPPLIES FOR THEIR OWN JOURNEY | John 6:12-13

Matthew 14:15-16 NIV ¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings.

- Ellen White

BECOME A DISCIPLE OF JESUS!



JESUS OVERCOMES DEATH: SIGNS IN JOHN

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DEATH IS A TRAGEDY

John 11:33-35 NIV ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴"Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵Jesus wept.

Death is unconscious non-existence: Gen 3:19, Ps 6:5, Isa 38:18, Ec 9:3-6, etc.

THE JEWISH HOPE IS RESURRECTION ON THE LAST DAY

John 11:23-24 NIV ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Resurrection is the ultimate hope in the OT: Ps 49:14-15, 71:20; Job 19:26-27; Isaiah 26:19; Dan 12:1-2, etc.

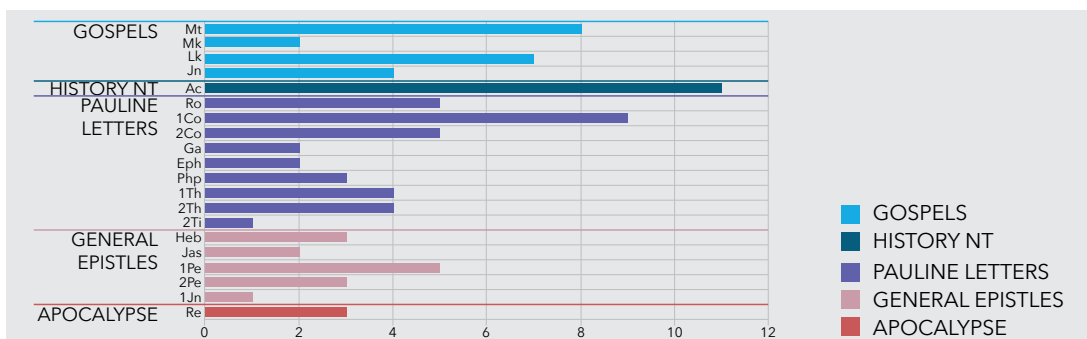
THE CHRISTIAN HOPE IS RESURRECTION ON THE LAST DAY - THROUGH CHRIST

John 11:25-26 LEB ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die forever. Do you believe this?"

John 5:28-29 NIV ²⁸"A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned."

John 6:40 NIV ⁴⁰"For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Resurrection is the ultimate hope in the NT: Acts 24:15, 1 Cor 15:51-55; 2 Cor 4:14; Phil 3:21; 1 Th 4:14-17; Rev 20:4-5, etc.



Being saved means experiencing _____ .

Which is _____ .

Which is _____ .

Bodily resurrection is not just one odd bit of hope. It is the element that gives shape and meaning to the rest of the story.
- NT Wright

DEATH IS DESTROYED IN CHRIST.

John 11:43-44 NIV ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE - JESUS!