

The Sign of the Cross: What Does It Signify?

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Introduction

John 20:30–31 indicates that John arranged his Gospel around Jesus' signs.

*And truly Jesus did many **other signs** in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but **these** [the eight signs] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*

He concentrates upon eight signs.

1. Turning water into wine (John 2:1–12);
2. Healing the nobleman's son (4:46–54);
3. Healing a lame man (5:1–15);
4. Feeding the 5000 (6:1–14);
5. Walking on the water (6:15–21);
6. Healing the man born blind (9:1–12);
7. Raising Lazarus (11:38–44);
8. Jesus' cross/resurrection (19–20; cf. 2:18–19).

The last and greatest of Jesus' signs was His cross/resurrection

1. John 2 identifies the cross/resurrection as a sign

2. John 19–20 treats the cross/resurrection as a sign

3. The cross/resurrection as the greatest sign

A. The cross/resurrection is the means by which Jesus gives everlasting life

. B. The cross/resurrection: The greatest defense for Christ's promise of life

John ____:

Understanding the cross/resurrection as a sign

1. The cross/resurrection is a historical event

2. As a sign, it is both a historical event and something signifying even more

The significance in evangelism of seeing the cross/resurrection as a sign