

The Seven Miracles (Signs), Witnesses and "I am's" of the Gospel of John

In our study through the Gospel of John we will notice that John intentionally highlights seven miracles of Jesus to communicate to us that Jesus is God in the flesh.

John also brings before us seven witnesses, seven people, who proclaim Jesus' deity.

John also recounts for us seven "I am" statements from the mouth of Jesus himself whereby he claims for himself only things that could be true of God, thus making himself equal with God.

Here they are:

The Seven Miracles (Signs) of Jesus' Deity in John's Gospel:

- Turning water into wine at Cana (2.1-11)
- Healing an official's son in Capernaum (4.46-54)
- Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda (or Bethsaida) in Jerusalem (5.1-18)
- Feeding the 5,000 near the Sea of Galilee (6.5-14)
- Walking on the water of the Sea of Galilee (6.16-21)
- Healing a blind man in Jerusalem (9.1-7)
- Raising dead Lazarus in Bethany (11.1-45)

The Seven Witnesses of Jesus' Deity in John's Gospel:

- John the Baptist: "This is the Son of God" (1.34)
- Nathaniel: "You are the Son of God" (1.49)
- Peter: "You are the Holy One of God!" (6.69)
- Martha: "You are the Christ, the Son of God" (11.27)
- Thomas: "My Lord and my God!" (20.28)
- John: "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (20.31)
- Jesus: "I am the Son of God" (10.36; see also 4.26; 8.58)

The Seven "I Am's" in John's Gospel:

- "I am the bread of life" (6.35)
- "I am the light of the world" (8.12)
- "I am the door for the sheep" (10.7; cf. v. 9)
- "I am the good shepherd" (10.11, 14)
- "I am the resurrection and the life" (11.25)
- "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (14.6)
- "I am the true vine" (15.1; cf. v. 5)