

## SIGNS, DISCOURSES, AND “I AM” SAYINGS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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Words for miracles include Greek terms for “power/powerful deeds,” “signs,” “wonders,” and “works.” John prefers “signs” (*semeia*), which usually indicate something about Christ’s nature and mission.

### Seven Important “Signs”

- 1 Water into Wine (2:1–11)
- 2 Healing of Nobleman’s Son (4:46–54)
- 3 Healing of the Lame Man at the Pool of Bethesda (5:1–18)
- 4 Feeding of the 5,000 (6:1–15)
- 5 Walking on Water (6:16–21)
- 6 Healing of the Man Born Blind (9:1–41)
- 7 Raising of Lazarus (11:1–57)

### The greatest sign, the resurrection of Jesus!

### Seven Discourses

- 1 The New Birth (3:1–36)
- 2 The Water of Life (4:1–42)
- 3 The Divine Son (5:17–47)
- 4 The Bread of Life (6:35–58)
- 5 The Life-Giving Spirit (7:16–52)
- 6 The Light of the World (8:12–59)
- 7 The Good Shepherd (10:1–18)

### Seven Important “I Am” Sayings (predicate, that is, Jesus = something else)

- 1 “I am the Bread of Life,” etc. (ch. 6)
- 2 “I am the Light of the World” (8:12)
- 3 “I am the Door” (10:7–9)
- 4 “I am the Good Shepherd” (10:11–14)
- 5 “I am the Resurrection and the Life” (11:25)
- 6 “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (14:6)
- 7 “I am the Vine” (15:1–5)

### Some Emphatic “I Am” sayings (echoing Jehovah’s OT title, “I Am That I Am” [see Ex. 3:15])

“It is I (lit. “I am”); do not be afraid.” (6:20)

“ . . . before Abraham was, I am.” (8:58)

“Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am [he].” (13:19)

“Jesus saith unto them, I am [he]. . . . As soon then as he had said unto them, I am [he], they went backward, and fell to the ground.” (18:5–6)