

The Gospel of John

A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise over a large body of water, with sunbeams breaking through a cloudy sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright reflection on the water and illuminating the clouds with a golden glow. The foreground shows a dark, silhouetted hillside with some vegetation. In the distance, there are rolling hills and a valley with some structures.

7. They seek to kill Him

John Chapter 4 – Four conversations

*“You are from below; I am from above.
You are of this world; I am not of this world.”*

(John 8:23)

*“...you are not of the world...
but I chose you out of the world...”*

(John 15:19)

Nicodemus

The new birth

The Samaritan woman

A spring of living water

The disciples

Food you do not know

The Capernaum official

Faith in His word alone



Measuring time in John's Gospel...

Chapter

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The **Passover** of the Jews was at hand and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. (John 2:13)

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After this there was a **feast of the Jews**, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. (John 5:1)

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Now **the Passover**, a feast of the Jews, was at hand. (John 6:4)

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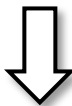
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Now **the Passover** of the Jews was at hand and many went up... to Jerusalem... (John 11:55)




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This is the Passover during which the Lord was crucified

This might be the Passover, or perhaps Pentecost

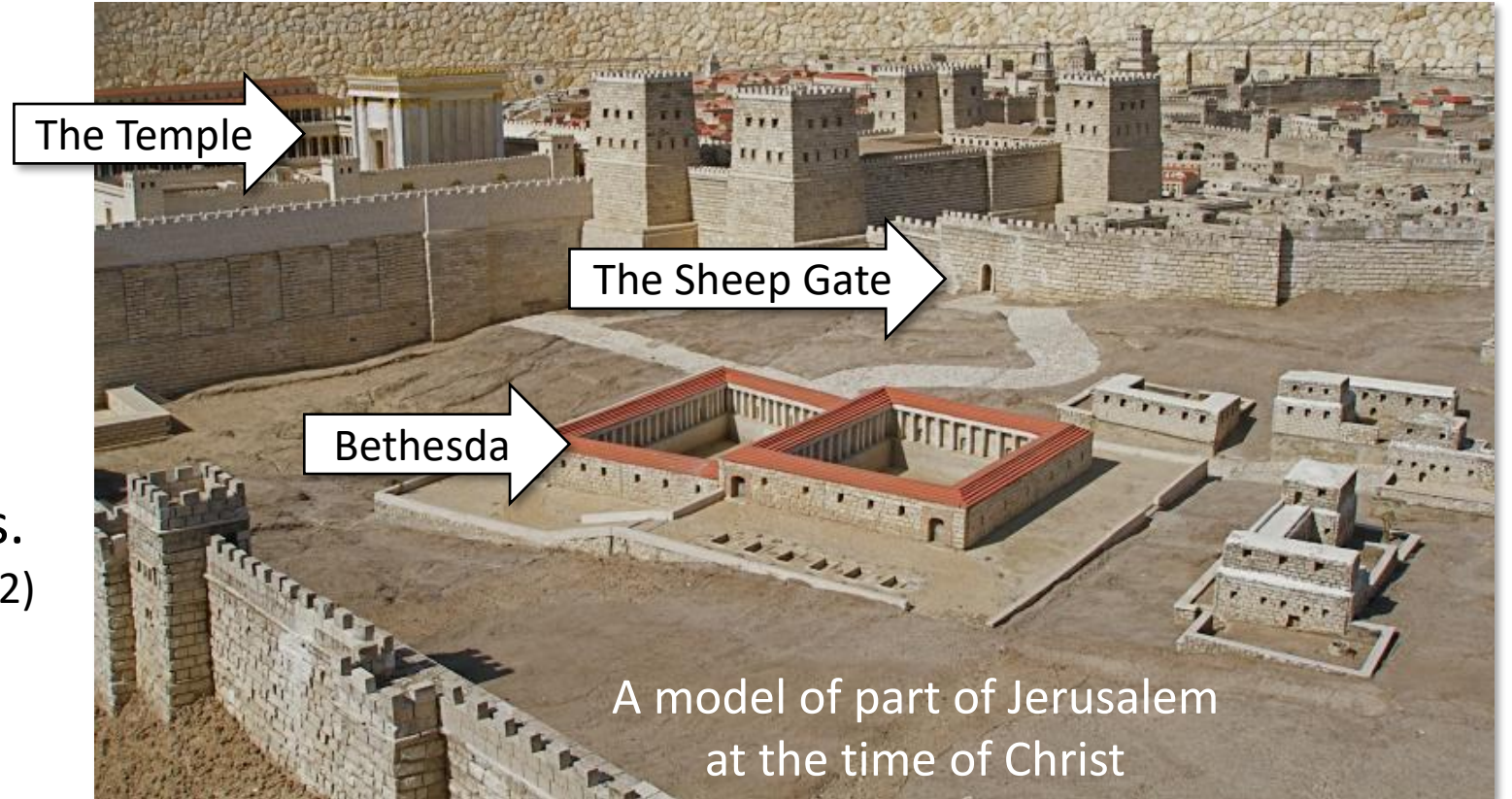
The seven signs in John's Gospel

1. The water becoming wine at the wedding in Cana (Chapter 2)
2. The healing of the Capernaum official's son (Chapter 4)
-  3. The healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda (Chapter 5)
4. The feeding of the five thousand (Chapter 6)
5. Jesus walking on the water (Chapter 6)
6. The healing of the man who was born blind (Chapter 9)
7. The raising of Lazarus from the dead (Chapter 11)



A pool called Bethesda

Now there is in Jerusalem
by **the Sheep Gate** a pool,
in Aramaic called **Bethesda**,
which has five roofed colonnades.
(John 5:2)



Seven questions about this man and his healing:

1. What does “*when the water is stirred up*” (verse 7) refer to?
2. Did the man know about Jesus before this time?
3. Why did Jesus ask, “*Do you want to be healed?*”?
4. What happened when Jesus told the man, “*Get up...*”?
5. Why was only one person healed on that day?
6. Was this man’s long illness (38 years!) caused by his sin?
7. Why did the man go to the Jewish leaders after Jesus met him?



Five questions about the Jewish leaders' reaction

1. Was the man breaking the Sabbath by carrying his bed?
2. Why did the man answer with, "*The man who healed me...*"
3. Why did the Jewish leaders begin to persecute Jesus?
4. What does, "*My Father is working until now, and I am working*" mean?



This is emphatic:
“*My own Father*”

“*My Father is working until now, and I am working”*”

In the Old Testament, God is spoken of as a Father to Israel, but Jesus was speaking of **a unique relationship.**

But now, O LORD, **You are our Father;** we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand.

(Isaiah 64:8)

Question: Does God Himself cease all His work on the Sabbath?

Answer: **No.** God never ceases to uphold the universe, nor to give life.

The Lord Jesus said that He works continuously, as His Father does, and also that His work is the Father’s work. (See John 5:19)

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Why did that statement make the Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus?

... because

not only was He breaking the Sabbath,
but

He was even calling God

His own Father,

making Himself equal with God.

(John 5:18)

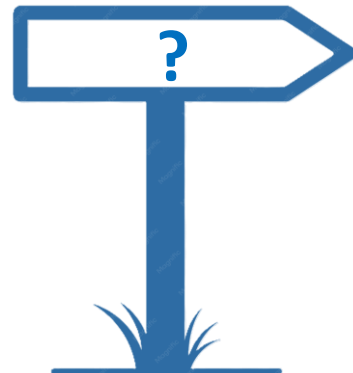
*Bad
enough!*

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One final question:

- John refers to the Lord's miracles as **signs**.

What is this sign pointing to?



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“My Father is working until now, and I am working”

- ✓ The Lord Jesus came and spoke to **one needy man** among many.
- ✓ He called him **to trust in Him**, though the man did not know Him.
- ✓ The man **heard the call** of Jesus and took action in response.
- ✓ The man was **immediately** and **completely** healed.
- ✓ The Lord Jesus **sought the man** to guide him into abundant life.



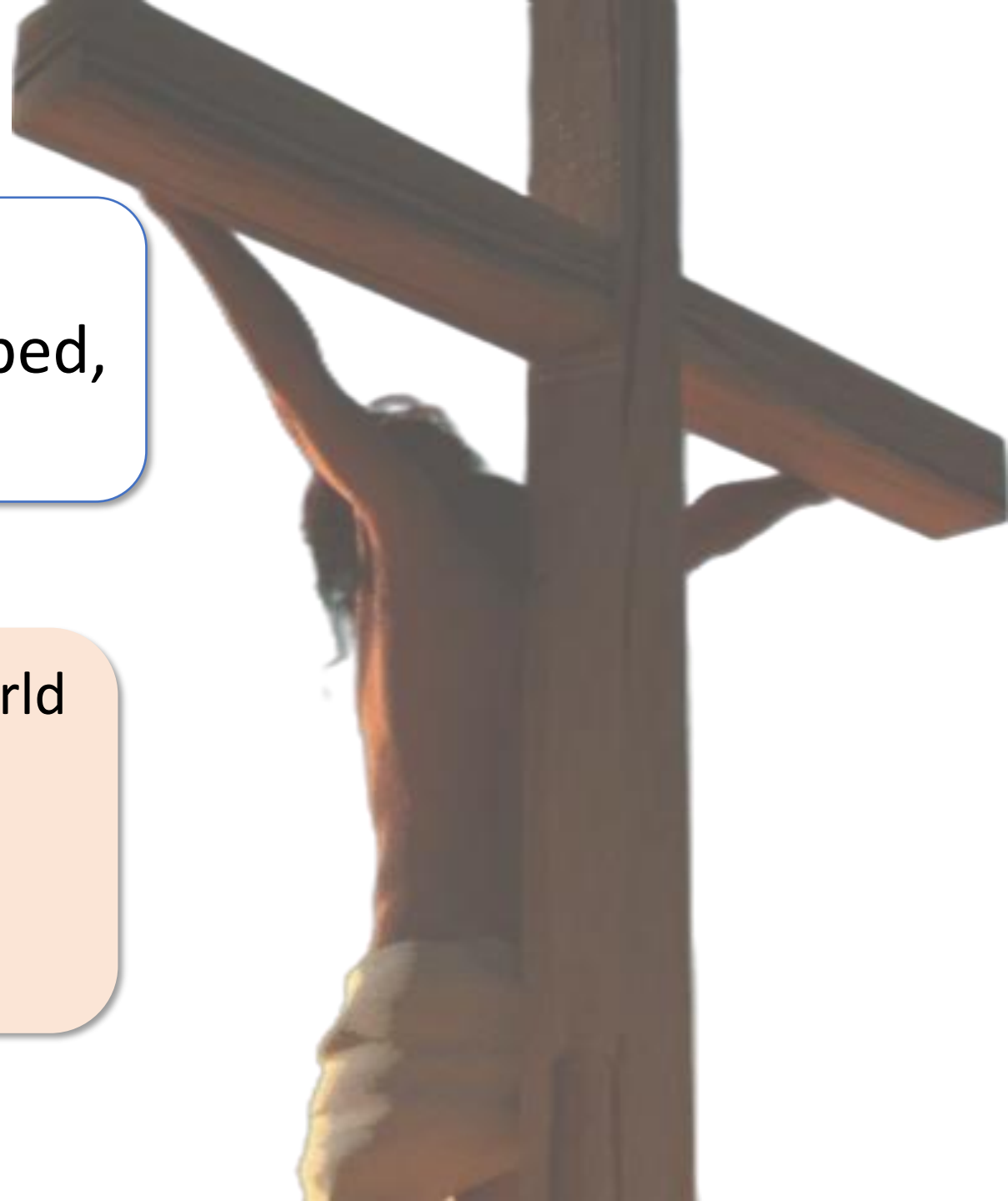
This is what both the Father **and** the Son
are doing in the world

Do you want
to be healed?

Get up,
take up your bed,
and walk.

God did not send His Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but in order that the world
might be saved through Him.

(John 3:17)



Hear Him

Believe Him

Respond to Him

If you confess **with your mouth** that Jesus is Lord
and believe **in your heart** that God raised Him from the dead,
you will be saved.

(Romans 10:9)