

Here is a brief outline of the entire book, so you can see the structure.

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- I. The Prologue: John 1:1-18
- II. The Book of Signs: John 1:19-12:50
- III. Farewell Teaching: John 13 – 17
- IV. Passion and resurrection: John 18-20
- V. Epilogue: John 21 \

/The number seven takes on a prominence in the Gospel of John.\

/There are seven “I am” passages where the Lord identifies Himself as the great “I am”, using the personal name for the Lord God .\

He will claim to be the great “I am” seven times in John’s Gospel:

/John 4:26

John 6:20

John 8:24

John 8:28

John 8:58

John 13:19

John 19:5\

/Then there are another seven times the Lord uses “I am” with a noun identifying another part of His position or work on behalf of sinners.\

He will also combine this title with a noun describing Him as the source of all good and the answer to all man’s needs. There are seven of these claims as well:

Jesus said

/“I am the Bread of Life” (6:35)

“I am the Light of the world” (8:12, 9:5)

“I am the Gate for the sheep” (10:7,9)

“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” (15:1,5)\

/Jesus takes seven journeys to Judea.\

All seven occur in this portion of the Gospel of John called the Book of Signs.

/Jesus gives seven sermons in this section of the Gospel.\

All seven sermons serve the main purpose of John's Gospel – to clear that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.

/Seven times in John there is reference to “the hour” for which Jesus came, and all seven point directly to the Cross.\

Recall that John's objective is to prove that Jesus Christ is God. His method is to present overwhelming proof – piece after piece of evidence that builds to a crescendo.

John recorded far fewer miracles than the other three gospels: 7 versus 20,18,20.\

/Now, seven in Bible numerology is the number representing spiritual perfection.\

Here are the seven “signs” or miracles that John's Gospel records:

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1. Changing water into wine at Cana (John 2:1-11)\

Jesus revealed His glory here first, through a miracle of creation and transformation, which confirmed the disciples' faith in Him as the Son of God.

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2. Healing an official's son in Capernaum (John 4:46-54)\

Jesus displayed the power of His word, which leads to faith in Him.

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3. Healing the paralyzed man at the Pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem (John 5:1-18)\

Jesus manifested grace here toward the unworthy and helpless.

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4. Feeding the 5,000 near the Sea of Galilee (John 6:5-14)\

Jesus showed that He is the Bread of Life who gives life to the world.

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5. Walking on the water of the Sea of Galilee (John 6:16-21)\

Jesus displayed His power and authority over nature; the disciples worshipped Him as the Son of God.

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6. Healing the man born blind, in Jerusalem (John 9:1-7)\

Jesus showed He is the Light of the World by healing this man who worshipped Him as the Son of God.

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7. Raising dead Lazarus in Bethany (John 11:1-45)\

By this sign Jesus revealed Himself as the One who gives life to the world and has power over death.