

# SEEING JESUS IN JOHN

## WEEK FIFTY-TWO: JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

### READING

30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name. John 20:30-31 (NLT)

24 This disciple is the one who testifies to these events and has recorded them here. And we know that his account of these things is accurate. 25 Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written. John 21:24-25 (NLT)

### TEACHING

When reading through the gospel of John, it can be easy to forget that a real person wrote down these stories. These two short passages toward the end of the book remind us that John was there – all these stories were not just things he had heard about. He was an eye-witness!

In both passages, John lets the reader know that his account is not exhaustive – meaning he didn't record every single thing Jesus did and said. As amazing as the recorded miraculous signs are, there were even more – so many more that all the books in the world couldn't contain them. John is exaggerating here to make the point: Jesus changed the lives of so many people and those people went out and were used to change the lives of countless others. There really is no way of writing out everything that Jesus did in and through his followers.

Both passages also remind us that many people saw Jesus do these signs and wonders. Early opponents of Jesus didn't try to debate or debunk his miracles and healings. Why not? Because way too many people saw them. These stories were burned in the memories of individuals – they saw Jesus do many miraculous signs. These stories were shared and celebrated and eventually written down – and that's why you and I have the gospel of John. John wrote them down so we would believe and find life. He wrote them so we would see Jesus.

And that is why we can see Jesus in John.

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## OPENING QUESTION(S):

- What is the most incredible thing you've ever seen with your own eyes?

## TODDLERS/PRE-K:

- Who did many miraculous signs?
- Why did John write down these stories about Jesus?

## CHILDREN:

- What did John say about how many miraculous signs Jesus did?
- Why did John write down these stories about Jesus?

## TEENAGERS:

- Why didn't early opponents of Jesus question his miracles?
- Why did John write down these stories about Jesus?
- How does believing in Jesus give us life?

## ADULTS:

- How has believing in Jesus given life to you?
- What would it look like for you to be a witness for Jesus in your workplace or neighborhood?

## PRAYER

*God, thank you for the Scriptures. Thank you for John's gospel. Thank you that your Holy Spirit helped him accurately record these stories and teachings. Thank you that your Word is living and active and has power in my life. Help me to have a hunger and thirst to learn more about you and your ways in my Bible reading. Holy Spirit, help me to see Jesus in all of the Scriptures and give me a passion to share what I learn with others. Thank you for your written word and for your living Word – your Son. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## NEXT LEVEL (ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL TEACHING)

The ESV Study Bible notes offer this insight for John 21:25

*John's closing observation, the world itself could not contain the books, emphasizes the limitless magnitude of all that Jesus accomplished for mankind's salvation as the eternal Son of God (see 1:1–3) through his incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and ascension.*