

THE GOSPEL

— *according to* —

JOHN

Reviewing John 1 – 4

“In the beginning” = Jesus is the Creator God become human who has the power to fix creation.

1. Our lives begin to be remade when we believe true words about Jesus of Nazareth.
2. Jesus claimed and proved that he could fix humanity by restoring our relationship with God.
3. Jesus told Nicodemus that he is “the Son of Man” who could remake his life. Nicodemus didn’t immediately believe.
4. Jesus told the woman at the well that he is “the Messiah,” and she immediately believed (along with many in Samaria).

Scripture Reading

JOHN 4:43–5:15

Signs

- Definition: A sign is a miracle that points to a reality more important than itself.
- These signs were “primarily about *Jesus*’ identity as the Christ and Son of God.”
- Signs are a really big deal in *The Gospel According to John* (see 20:30). He records seven signs in chapters 1–12.
- Actually, John records seven signs plus one! The last sign, Jesus’ resurrection, is the climax of chapters 13–21.
- John deliberately challenges us to think about whether signs are a help or a hindrance to faith.

THE MAIN POINT OF JOHN 4:43–5:15

Jesus healed the official's dying son and the 38-year invalid to powerfully signify to the selfish Jews that they should submit to him as the Creator God become human who will one day reign forever on a perfectly remade earth.

TWO CONCLUDING QUESTIONS

1. Do you want Jesus more than anything?
(based on John 4:46–53).
2. Do you respect Jesus more than anyone?
(based on John 5:1–15).

“Do you want to be healed?” (John 5:6)