

More than Just a Man John 5

1. Jesus performs a Messianic sign (1-16)

- a. Healing the paralyzed was a specific fulfillment of Messianic prophecy (Is. 35:5, 6)
- b. Instead of confirming his deity, healing the man created a controversy

2. Jesus proclaimed to possess divine Sonship (16-20)

3. Jesus claimed the prerogatives of deity (21-30)

- a. The ability to give life
- b. The authority to judge
- c. The right to pardon

4. Jesus produces a witness list to validate His deity (31- 47)

- a. John the Baptist was a witness for the deity of Jesus
- b. The testimony of His own work
- c. God the Father was a witness for the deity of Jesus
- d. The scriptures testify about me
- e. Even Moses was a witness for Jesus

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish things that people often say about Him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.’ That is one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic-on level with the man who says he is a poached egg-or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon, or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher.” - CS Lewis (Mere Christianity)

TWO-FOLD DIVISION

Book of Signs (1-12) Seems to highlight his **public ministry**, showing signs and teaching to public audiences, all the ways Jesus authenticated Himself as the Divine Messiah.

Book of Glory (13-21) Passover, the Upper room, where Jesus’ ministry is **private ministry (primarily to his disciples)**, preparing them for His departure.

A SERIES OF MIRACLES (7 SIGNS) ESCALATING IN IMPORTANCE

1. Turning water to wine at the wedding in Cana (2:1-11)
2. Healing of the official’s son (4:46-54)
3. Healing at the pool of Bethesda (5:1-15)
4. The feeding of the multitude (6:5-14)
5. The walk on the water (6:16-21)
6. The healing of the blind man (9:1-12)
7. The raising of Lazarus (11:1-44)