

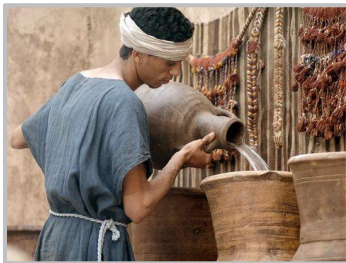
Adventure Club

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Structure 1 Corresponds Symmetrically with Structure 8!
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The divine purpose of the book of John is to present Jesus as God (see John 20:30-31). John selects eight miraculous signs that prove conclusively that Jesus is God. These eight signs, and the way they are written, give concrete evidence for us to believe Jesus really is the Christ, the Son of God.

Structure 1



Water Turned to Wine

⁴⁹ 'Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God!" . . .

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. ³ And when they ran out



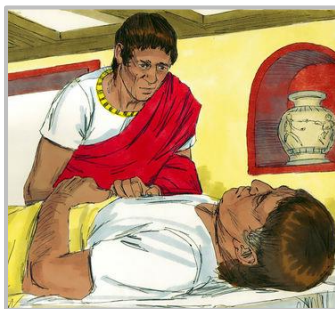
of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴ Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

⁶ Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. ¹⁰ And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

¹¹ This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.'

John 1:49, 2:1-11

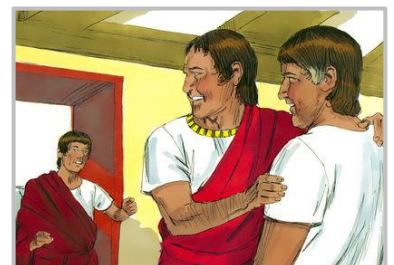
Structure 2



A Nobleman's Son Healed

⁴³ Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. ⁴⁴ For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honour in his own country. . . .

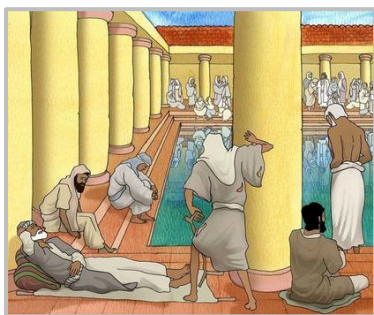
⁴⁶ 'So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea



into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." ⁴⁹ The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. ⁵¹ And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!" ⁵² Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." '

John 4:43-44, 46-52

Structure 3



Man With an Infirmary Healed

² 'There is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water;

then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷ The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." ⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

And that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰ The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." ¹¹ He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' " ¹² Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" ¹³ But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." ¹⁵ The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶ For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." . . .

⁴⁵ Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you — Moses, in whom you trust. ⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.'

John 5:2-17, 45-46



1:50 scale model of the Pool of Bethesda about 2,000 years ago. It is situated in the Israel Museum.

Structure 4

Feeding the Five Thousand

¹ 'After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. ³ And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.



⁴ Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" ⁶ But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. ⁷ Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹ "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

¹⁰ Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. ¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.' . . .

⁶⁶ From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. . . .

⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



John 6:1-11, 66, 68-69

Jesus Walks on the Sea

¹⁵ 'When Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. ¹⁶ Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. ¹⁸ Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. ¹⁹ So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. ²⁰ But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going. . . .



³¹ And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?" . . .

⁵⁰ Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, ⁵¹ "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"

John 6:15-21, 7:31, 50-51

Structure 6



A Blind Man Receives Sight

⁵⁹ 'Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

¹ Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷ And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

⁸ Therefore the neighbours and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" ⁹ Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." ¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." ¹² Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. . . .

²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

²⁵ He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." ³⁰ The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvellous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" ³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" ³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." ³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshipped Him.'

John 8:59, 9:1-14, 24-38.

Structure 7



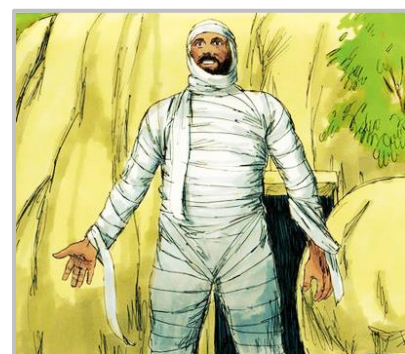
'Lazarus, Come Forth'

⁴¹ Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³ Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." ⁴ When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. ⁷ Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?" . . .

¹⁴ Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him." ¹⁶ Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." ¹⁷ So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰ Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. . . .

³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. ³¹ Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there." ³² Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." . . .

⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" ⁴⁴ And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go".'



John 11:1-8, 14-21, 30-32, 41-44.

Structure 8



The Net Full of Fish

²⁴ Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." . . .



¹ Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: ² Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught

nothing. ⁴ But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." ⁶ And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. ⁹ Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

¹¹ Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" — knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

¹⁴ This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You".'



John 20:24-25, 21:1-15

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See if you can memorize some, or all, of these words:

'Truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.'

John 20:30-31, *New King James Version*

Structure 1

John 2:1-11

Water Turned to Wine

- a. Background. Nathaniel's belief. 1:49-51
- b. The place. Galilee. v1
- c. The third day. v1
- d. Wine provided. vv8-9
- e. Jesus was called and His disciples. v2
- f. Failure confessed. They have no wine. v3
- g. Numbers. 6 waterpots. 20 or 30 gallons. v6
- h. Command. Fill the waterpots. v7
- i. Obedience. They filled. v7
- j. Waterpots full. v7
- k. The servants took. (Gk. *enenkan*). v8
- l. Glory manifested. v11
- m. His disciples' faith. v11

Structure 8

John 21:1-17

The Net Full of Fish

- a. Background. Thomas's unbelief. 20:24-29
- b. The place. Galilee. v1
- c. The third time. v14
- d. A meal provided. v9
- e. Jesus was the caller of His disciples. vv5, 12
- f. Failure confessed. Caught nothing. v3. No food. v5
- g. Numbers. 200 cubits. v8. 153 fish. v11
- h. Command. Cast the net. v6
- i. Obedience. They cast. v6
- j. Net full. vv8, 11
- k. Bring the fish. (Gk. *enenkate*). v10
- l. Jesus manifested. v14
- m. His disciples' love. vv15-17

Structure 2

John 4:43-52

A Nobleman's Son Healed

- a. Background. Rejection. vv43-44
- b. Time. Two days. v43
- c. His son sick. v46
- d. Parenthetical explanation regarding Cana. v46
- e. At the point of death. v47
- f. You will by no means believe. v48
- g. Before my child dies. v49
- h. Servants met him. v51
- i. Your son lives. v51
- j. The fever left him. (Gk. *apheken*). v52

Structure 7

John 11:1-44

Lazarus Come Forth

- a. Background. Rejection. 10:31, 39, 11:8
- b. Time. Two days. v6
- c. Lazarus sick. v2
- d. Parenthetical explanation regarding Mary. v2
- e. Lazarus is dead. v14
- f. That you may believe. v15
- g. My brother would not have died. vv21, 32
- h. Martha met Him. vv20, 30
- i. Lazarus, come forth! v43, 44
- j. Loose him, and let him go. (Gk. *aphete*). v44

Structure 3

John 5:1-47

Man With an Infirmary Healed

- a. The Place. Jerusalem. v1
- b. The pool. Bethesda. v2
- c. Longstanding case. v5
- d. Jesus saw him. v6
- e. Jesus takes the initiative. v6
- f. Sabbath. v9
- g. Jesus found him. v14
- h. Sin. v14
- i. Work. v17
- j. Double reference to Moses. vv45-46

Structure 6

John 9:1-41

A Blind Man Receives Sight

- a. The Place. Jerusalem. 8:59, 9:1
- b. The pool. Siloam. vv7, 11
- c. Longstanding case. v1
- d. Jesus saw a man. V1
- e. Jesus takes the initiative. v6
- f. Sabbath. v14
- g. Jesus found him. v35
- h. Sin. vv2, 24-25, 31, 34
- i. Work. v4
- j. Double reference to Moses. vv28-29

Structure 4

John 6:1-14

Feeding the Five Thousand

- a. With John 6:15-21, this is the only sign recorded in the other Gospels
- b. Mountain. v3
- c. Followed by a signification discourse. vv26-65
- d. Many disciples walked with Jesus no more. v66
- e. The testimony of Peter. vv68-69

Structure 5

John 6:15-21

Jesus Walks on the Sea

- a. With John 6:1-14, this is the only sign recorded in the other Gospels
- b. Mountain. v15
- c. Followed by a signification discourse. Chapter 7
- d. Many people believed in Jesus. 7:31
- e. The testimony of Nicodemus. 7:50

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