



7 broken signposts	7 signs of glory
1. Spirituality turned inward	1. Changing water into wine at Cana John 2:1–11
2. Love turned selfish,	2. Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum John 4:46–54
3. Justice is denied,	3. Healing the paralytic at Bethesda John 5:1–15
4. Beauty is defaced,	4. Feeding the 5000 John 6:5–14
5. Freedom is taken,	5. Jesus walking on water John 6:16–24
6. Truth is skewed,	6. Healing the man blind from birth John 9:1–7
7. Power is abused	7. The raising of Lazarus John 11:1–45

SIGNS of GLORY

- 7 miracles, wonders, or signs that Jesus performed, were witnessed first-hand by the apostle John
- As we explore these stories we want to see the glory of Jesus — the one who perfectly reveals the essence of God’s character — and move toward him in faith and worship, as his opinion, approval and desire for us becomes the weightiest reality in our lives.
- We want to explore the luminous weighty presence and essence of the Living God

BROKEN SIGNPOSTS

- Pointers to kingdom of God realities, that are broken in our world, but we can still see hints.

HEALING THE ROYAL OFFICIAL’S SON | JOHN 4:46-54

- What do make of all movement that Jesus does, between the first sign (Water into Wine – John 2) and this sign?
- Summarize the **who** – the **what** – the **where**
- Note the distance this man traveled (35-40K) and the altitude change (Capernaum -200m; Cana +300m).
- Put yourself in the scene
 - What do you feel?
 - Imagine being the father in this scene
 - What is the significance of “begging”?
- How do you respond to **vv47-48**?
 - When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. “Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”
 - Seeing isn’t believing, it is only seeing ~George McDonald
 - What’s the bigger issue?
 - Is it wrong to have based on signs and wonders?
- The purpose of a sign is to point beyond itself to Jesus.

- That's why there are these broken signposts
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 - **Power** is abused

- They are longings. They are all part of who we are created to be. But they are broken in our world
- The cross & the resurrection are signs of the beginning of renewal & restoration & as followers of Jesus we are partners with God in the new work that he is doing in this world
- In what sense does faith in Jesus impacts generations.
- Like the father in this story, do we take Jesus at his word?