

John's Gospel No. 4

John presents the most powerful proof in all the Bible of Christ as God in the flesh.

He uses seven “I am” statements of Christ, e.g. “I am the light of the world” (8.12; 9.5), “I am the bread of life” (6.35,41), as well as seven outstanding miracles performed by Jesus.

It is amazing that just one miracle alone – Lazarus restored to life *after being dead four days!* (11.39) – did not move religious leaders to see Jesus as Israel's true Messiah.

Instead “the chief priests took counsel that they might also put Lazarus to death, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.” (12.10-11).

And earlier, when Jesus gave sight to a man born blind the Pharisees challenged that man by saying, “How can . . . a sinner do such miracles?” (9.16).

I like the man's reply. He said, “Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” (9.32-33).

And there's miracle number eight – Christ's own resurrection (chapters 20-21) – final climactic proof that Jesus is indeed who he claims to be: the Son of God.

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Don't miss John 3.16 which is without doubt the Bible's most quoted verse.

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