



**SERIES: John Believe**  
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**Scripture: John 20:30-31; John 8:7-11**  
**TITLE: Jesus the Miracle Worker**

“It’s a miracle.” That’s what Tattoo would say on the show Fantasy Island. But the truth of the matter was that the fantasies Mr. Roarke made on that show were not miracles. They were just the simple orchestration and execution of man. But that’s not Jesus. Jesus is not a man of illusion or tricks. No, Jesus is the true miracle worker. And that’s what John records in his gospel.

Next week we will pick up our stud of the book of John. John wrote at the end of his letter in John 20:30-31

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

John wrote this Gospel so all who read it may believe with confidence that Jesus is God, the Savior of the world. His testimony and works prove these claims.

Yesterday, we remembered that in chapters 1-4, John began to lay out the claim that Jesus is God. He came to destroy religion because mankind is helpless in their sin. And then in chapters 4-8, we begin to see the case for Jesus in His miracles.

In chapter two, Jesus turns the water into wine. In chapter 4, Jesus heals a royal official’s son. In chapter 5, Jesus healed a sick or paralytic man. Then in chapter 6, we find one of Jesus’ most famous miracles, the feeding of the 5000. And also in chapter 5, we witness Jesus walking on the water. All of these miracles are extraordinary. They are public and true miracles.

And then in chapter 8, we see a preview of the greatest miracle of all: forgiveness of sins. In chapter 8, a woman with a checkered past is brought before Jesus. This is a trap but Jesus knows that. He does the unthinkable for these people and the impossible for man. He offers forgiveness of sins.

John writes, in John 8:7-11

And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said,

“No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.

Jesus came so that we might have life to the fullest. Jesus came so we would be free from our past. Jesus came to let the world know God is still here and cares greatly. So, as John wrote, “believe that you might have life.”

If you're not convinced, come back on Monday. We'll continue to listen to and watch Jesus? So you might believe. I do believe. Will you?