

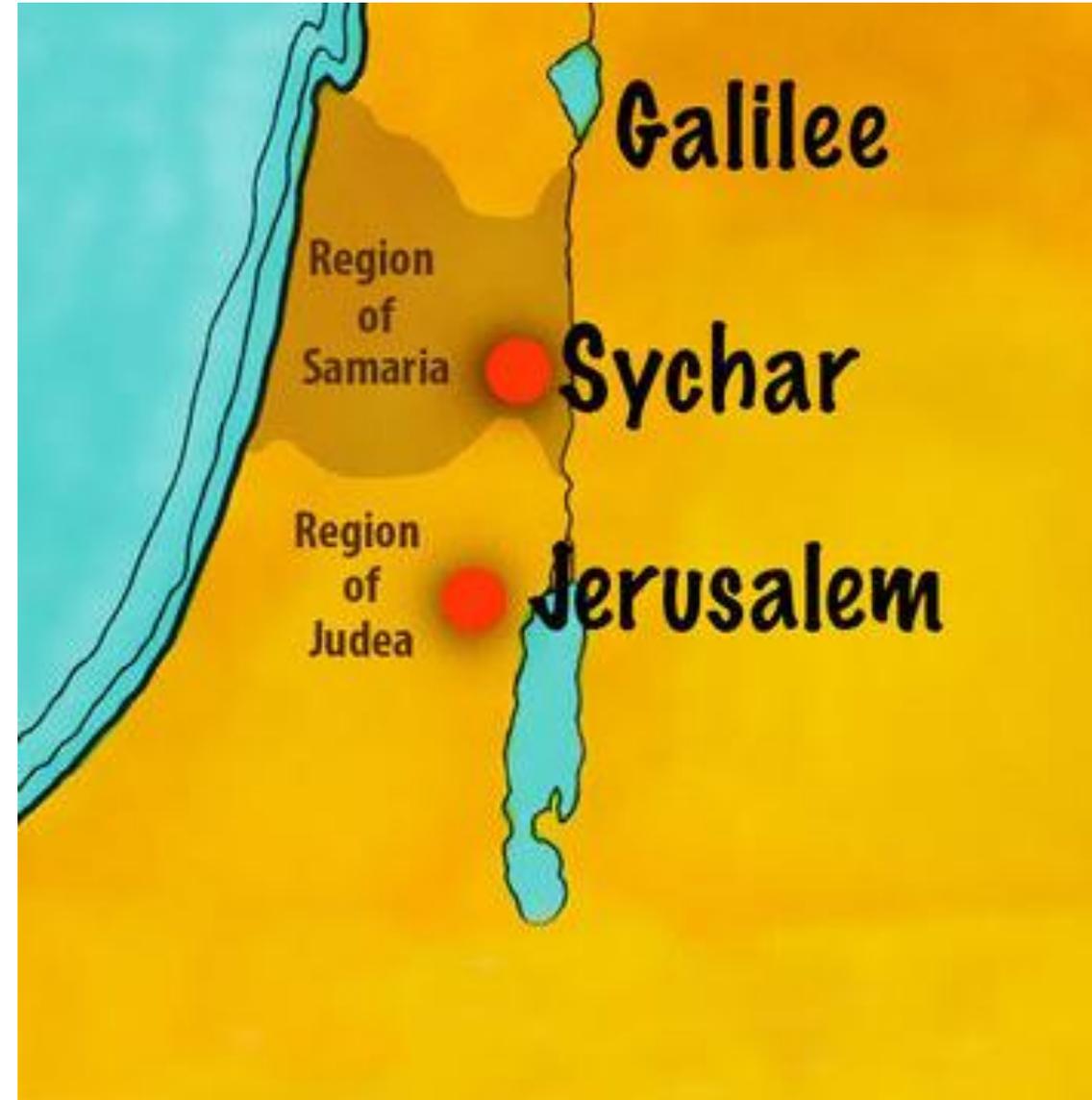
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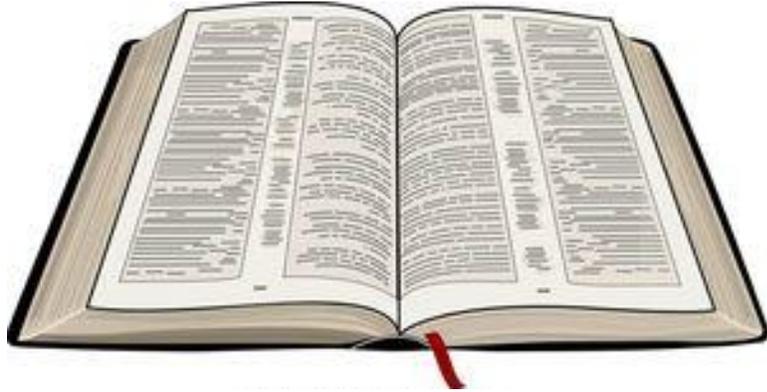
John

Four trips of the Lord Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem

Prologue	1:1 – 2:12
Trip 1	2:13 – 4
Trip 2	5 – 6
Trip 3	7 – 10
Trip 4	11 – 20
Epilogue	21



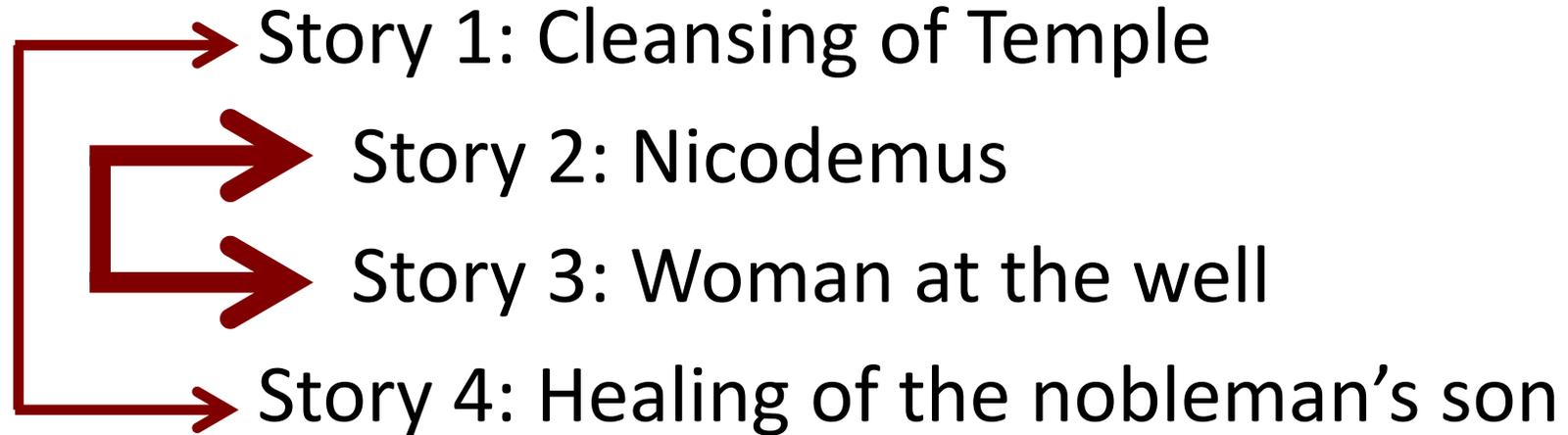
Where is this book of John going? (Look at the end)



John 20:31 these [miraculous signs] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing [on Him] you may have life in His name

- The miracles are carefully selected
- The miracles are signs (messages in addition to demonstrations of power)
- They are meant to convince
- Jesus is no mere man
- Jesus offers (everlasting) **life**

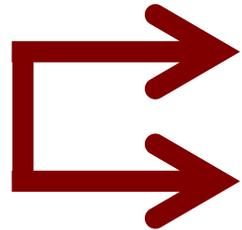
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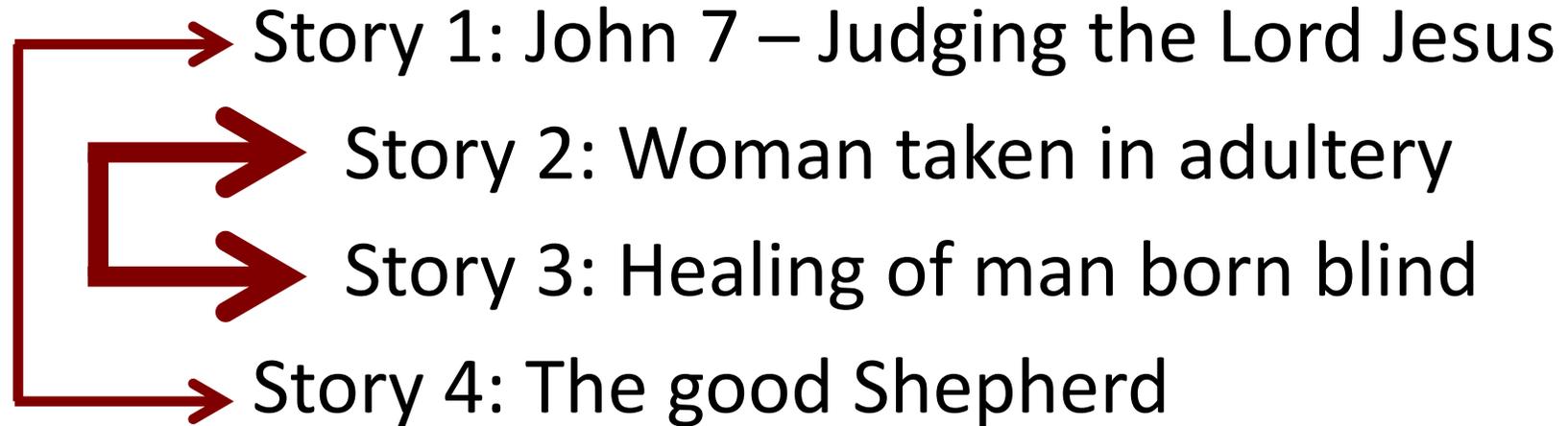
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Trip 2

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- Story 1: Paralytic by the pool (source of life)
 - Story 2: Feeding of the 5000 (bread of life)

Trip 3



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Trip 4 to Jerusalem

- Raising of Lazarus
- Jesus anointed for burial by Mary
 - Christ enters Jerusalem – foretells death – Crowd roars
(13 – 17 Parenthesis)
 - Christ enters Jerusalem – to die – Crowd roars
- Jesus anointed for burial by Nicodemus and Joseph of A.
- Rising from the dead – the Lord

All these miracles actually helped people



Some miracles in the Bible were negative – they harmed people. Examples are the plagues in Egypt and Elijah calling down fire from heaven on wicked people.



All these miracles were not negative

All these miracles were not neutral

All these miracles were actually positive

So also with the total of 35 miracles of the Lord (except cursing of fig tree)

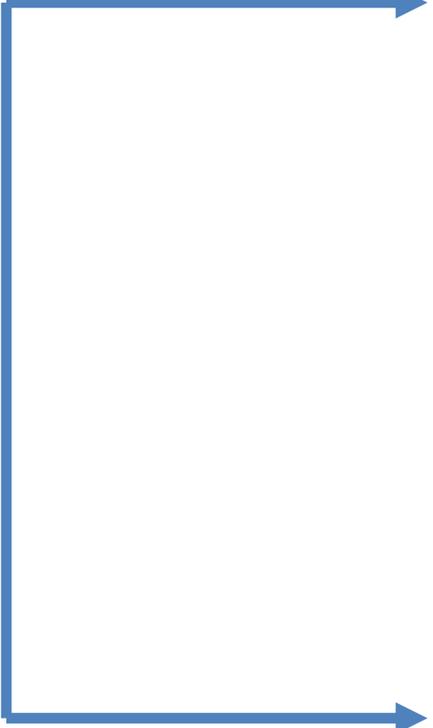
The Law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17)

Christ certainly came with power. But He did not use that power in a way that would make people fearful.

He Himself is the Savior that people are called to, so He gave no reason for any to be afraid to come to Him for life. Even children had no fear coming to Him!



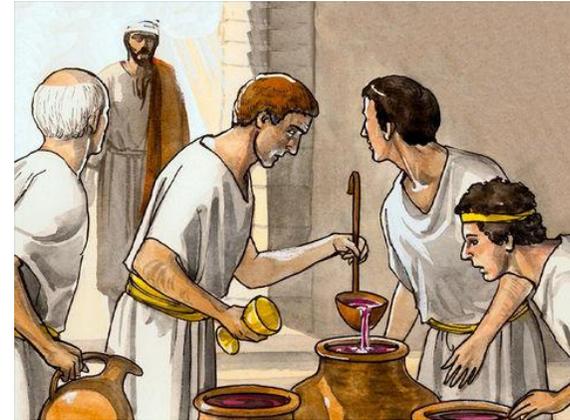
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1. Changing water into wine (John 2)

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- “They have no wine” /
“Have you any food?”
- Both instances, directions were against logic
- Christ is the unexpected source of full joy in life and in service



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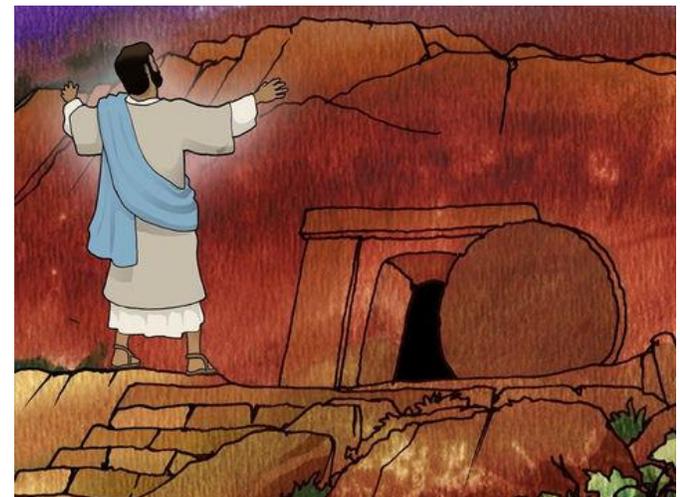
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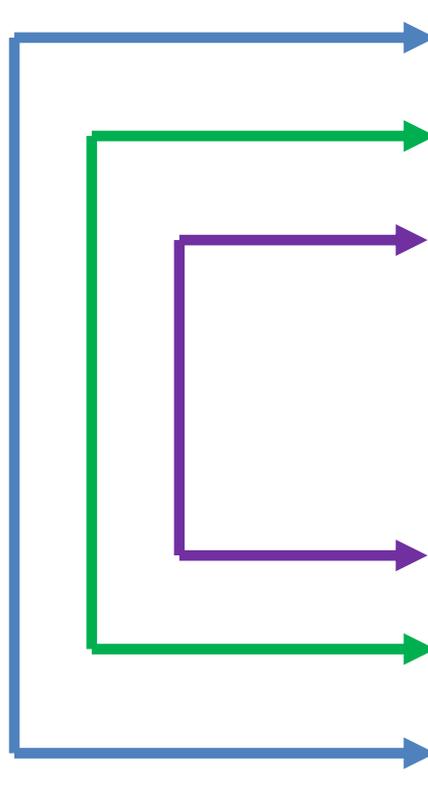
7. Raising of Lazarus (John 11)

- John 2 “Sir, come down before my child dies!” – Christ instead heals from a distance
- John 11 Christ will NOT heal at a distance – He will go and raise Lazarus

Why? (We have to wait until this afternoon’s session!)



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Use a pool or not?

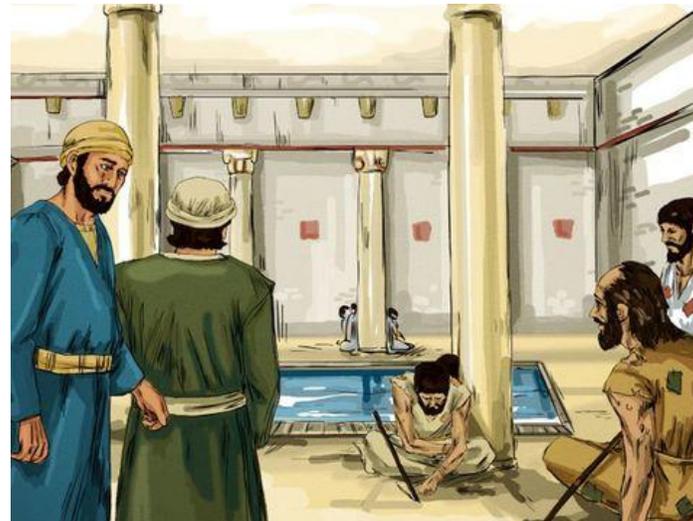
John 5 – Pool? No!

John 9 – Pool? Yes!

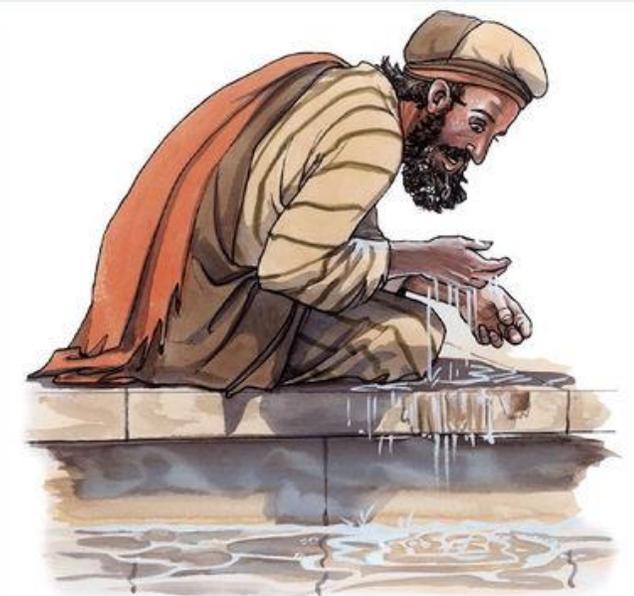
Psalm 119:130 The entrance of
Your words gives light; It gives
understanding to the simple.

Lesson: The proper and improper
use of the written Word of God in
relation to eternal life.

John 5:39 “You search the
Scriptures, for in them you think
you have eternal life; and these
are they which testify of Me.”



2 Timothy 3:15 you
have known the
Holy Scriptures,
which are able to
make you wise for
salvation through
faith which is in
Christ Jesus.



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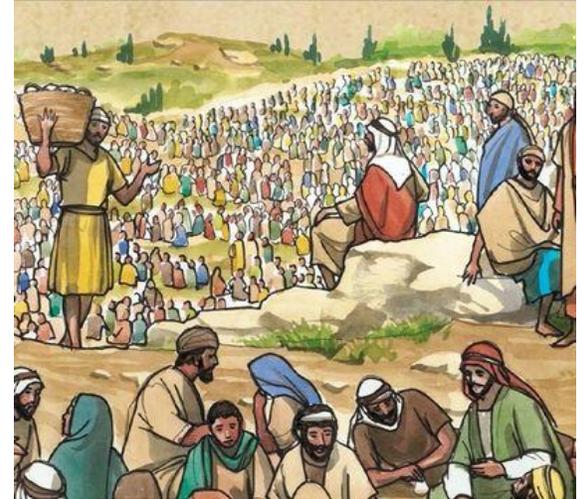
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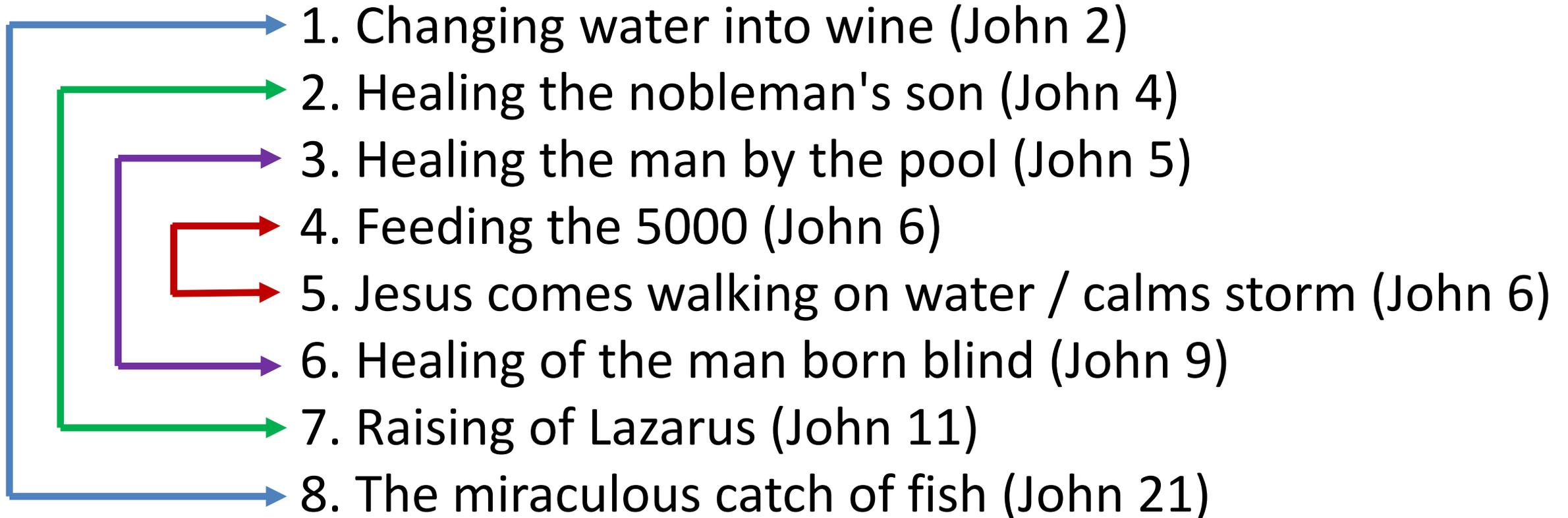
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One story within another story – implies the inner story has bearing on the outer story

Christ is the sustainer of our lives from internal provision of spiritual life to to external threats to our spiritual lives



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