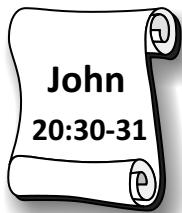


# GOSPEL OF JOHN USE OF "SIGNS"

John uses the word signs (Greek *semeion*) instead of the common word "miracle" (Greek *dunamis*). They are indeed miracles, but John prefers to use the word sign instead. Why? Think about what a sign does. It points to something. And in this case, it points to some One, i.e., Jesus Christ!



<sup>30</sup>And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: <sup>31</sup>But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." (Jn.20:30-31)



Points to



**GOD**  
the Son

PURPOSE

1. That you may believe Jesus is the Messiah
2. That you might have real life

(Abundant life (Jn.10:10) brings new purpose, values, loves, and a sense of destiny!)