

GOSPEL OF JOHN: CONVICTION BRINGS CONVERSION OR REJECTION

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry it was easy to draw a crowd of people and watch His miracles. Then He would preach the Word of God. His words would penetrate the hearts bringing conviction. Conviction leads to either conversion or rejection. It is impossible to be neutral! We often start out by wanting to learn about Jesus, but we end up learning more about ourselves.

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Miracles ("Signs")

- **TESTIMONY** that Jesus is God (Jn.5:36)
- **TEST** that exposes hearts (Jn.12:37)



LARGE CROWD

- People love sensationalism. This is the use of exciting or shocking stories or events at the expense of accuracy. People want to be wowed!
- Seeing the signs and believing in them is a great beginning. Miracles can only lead to the Word (Jn.5:36-38), and the Word generates saving faith (Rm.10:17).
- The disciples started that same way. They had to grow in their faith (compare Jn.2:11 with Jn.2:22).
 - Jesus was a great healer, but not necessarily their Savior.

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Brings Conviction

- **CONVERSION** (cf. Jn.2:22 with 2:11)
- **REJECTION** (cf. Jn.6:14 with 6:41)

REJECTION

- Most Departed
- Many Opposed

CROWD

CONVERSION

- Believe the message concerning Jesus Christ

FEW