

**JOHN 20.31**  
An alternative context

John 20:30,31 **Many other signs** truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples,  
which are not written in this book,  
**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.

All your life you've only heard one explanation for this passage.

***This is the reason the Gospel of John was written, get people saved.***

That is a correct exposition. It expresses one of the prime purposes of the whole Gospel of John, "that ye might believe." There are 7 miraculous signs often given to support this.

1. Jesus Changes Water Into Wine In Cana (John 2:1-11)
2. Jesus Heals A Government Official's Son In Capernaum (John 4:46-54)
3. Jesus Heals A Lame Man By The Pool Of Bethesda In Jerusalem (John 5:1-18)
4. Jesus Feeds 5,000 Near The Sea Of Galilee (John 6:1-13)
5. Jesus Walks On Water At The Sea of Galilee (John 6:16-21)
6. Jesus Heals The Man Who Was Born Blind In Jerusalem (John 9:1-34)
7. Jesus Brings Lazarus Back From The Dead In Bethany (John 11:1-45)

I'm going to suggest two more miracles recorded.

8. Jesus Rises from the Dead (John 20.1-7)
9. Jesus Provides 153 Fish (John 21.3-11)

Let me suggest another context in addition to the popular observation that the entire book is designed to produce belief. Rather in this paragraph the focus is on the multiplicity of the supernatural signs which Jesus did which might create belief.

Outlines of the Gospel often include these miracles as a framework for the book. I am going to suggest that since the entire book seems to revolve around these miraculous deeds, the context of his statement here at the conclusion of the book actually pertains primarily point to the:

***"many other signs. . .but these (9 signs) are written that ye might believe."***