

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

Jesus and the Purpose of John's Gospel

John 20:29-31

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It's necessary to believe that Jesus is the _____, the Son of God.

- We must believe that Jesus is _____.
- We must believe that Jesus is _____.

It's necessary to believe Jesus to find _____ in Him.

7 "I AM" statements of Jesus in John's Gospel

1. I am the Bread of Life (6:35)
2. I am the Light of the World (8:12)
3. I am the Door (10:9)
4. I am the Good Shepherd (10:11-14)
5. I am the Resurrection and the Life (11:25)
6. I am the Way and the Truth and the Life (14:6)
7. I am the Vine (15:1-5)

TAKING ACTION

This week, take some time to read through and meditate on a few of the "life" texts in John's Gospel: John 3:14-16, 4:7-15, 5:24-26, 6:33-40, 10:11-15, 11:17-27, 14:1-7, 17:1-3.

Since God has placed eternity in our hearts, let your heart long for Him and the life He provides. Claim and believe Jesus' promises about the life you have in Him and the life that's coming.

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus and a Frustrating Night of Fishing | John 21:1-14*

John breaks the fourth wall, looks right at the camera, and speaks directly to his readers. He wants to make sure we don't miss why he's writing. He's calling us to action! He's calling us to believe and keep believing Jesus! Here's what these verses teach us . . .

It's possible to believe Jesus without _____ Him.

It's possible to believe Jesus on the basis of His _____.

7 signs of Jesus in John's Gospel

1. Turning Water into Wine (2:1-11)
2. Healing the Nobleman's Son (4:46-54)
3. Healing the Lame Man (5:1-15)
4. Feeding the Multitude (6:1-15)
5. Healing the Blind Man (9:1-41)
6. Raising Lazarus (11:1-44)
7. Jesus Rising from the Dead (20:1-29)

Why do people reject the signs and refuse to believe Jesus?

- Jesus is a challenge to our _____.
- Jesus is a threat to our _____.
- Jesus is an insult to our _____.

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Share a recent non-fiction book you read or listened to and enjoyed. Share why you enjoyed it.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 20:29-31 again together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. We and others are striving to cheat death, deny death, and avoid death by improving our lives, prolonging our lives, and trying to enjoy our lives. The message highlighted the billionaires funding longevity tech companies as one example. Where do you see it in your own life and in others' lives?
3. While it would be nice to see the Risen Jesus, both Jesus and John tell us it's possible to believe Jesus based on His signs. How and why did you come to believe Jesus? Do you remember crossing over from unbelief to belief?

4. One of the striking features of John's gospel is how the religious leaders reject the signs and refuse to believe Jesus. In the message, we talked about 3 reasons why they reject and refuse Jesus. Do you think these are still reasons why people refuse to believe Jesus? Can you think of other reasons?
5. Why is the deity of Jesus vital and necessary for the effective salvation work of Jesus, and therefore a required belief for Christians?
6. Who in your life do you most wish would come to believe Jesus? Where are you at in your prayers for, and sharing with, that person?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Take some time to pray for not-yet-Christians in your world. Pray for the softening of hearts and for opportunities to share with and serve them.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.