

So that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God

*John 20:30-31*

*30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.*

/John is referring here to the entire book of the gospel of John.\ Everything in this book points to the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and believing in Him to receive life – eternal life.

/The signs include Jesus's words as well as His works.\

That includes the sign miracles, for sure. John records 7 sign miracles plus the greatest sign of all: the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ from the dead.

Let's quickly review those sign miracles.

/In John 2:1-12, Jesus turned the water into wine.\

/In John 4:46-54, Jesus healed the royal official's son.\

/In John 5:1-24, Jesus healed a man who had been ill - paralyzed – for 38 years.\

/In John 6:1-14, Jesus feed the 5,000 with 5 barley loaves of bread and 2 fish.\

/In John 6:15-40, Jesus walked on water.\

/In John 9:1-41, Jesus gave sight to a man who was born blind.\

/In John 11:1-45, Jesus raised Lazarus rom the dead.\

These sign miracles authenticated that He is the Christ, the Son of God.

/ Many did come to believe in Christ because of these miracles. But many witnessed the miracles yet did not believe.\

*John 11:38-46*

*38 So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you*

*believe, you will see the glory of God?" 41 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 "I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me." 43 When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." 44 The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."*

*45 Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him. 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.*

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*/The words of Christ alone caused many to believe. \*

He was always teaching His disciples about who He is. Especially the fact that He was God's Son. That He was God in the flesh.

He also taught that He was the Jewish Messiah.

/Take for example the Samaritan woman. Jesus didn't perform a miracle. She believed in Jesus as the Messiah on the basis of the words He spoke to her.\

*John 4:13-14, 25-30*

*13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."*

*25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."*

*28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?" 30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.*

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*/And many Samaritans from that city believed in Him, not because of a miracle but because of the words which the woman and Jesus spoke to them.\*

*John 4:39-42*

*39 From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41 Many more believed because of His word; 42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."*

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The words of Jesus have been written on the gospel of John so you may believe....  
/Jesus proclaimed He was God and the Savior in His "I am" statements.\

*John 11:25-27*

*25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."*

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/Martha believed that Jesus is the Christ , the Son of God BEFORE He brought her brother back from the dead.\

His person and His words convinced her.

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/that you may believe\

John's gospel is the gospel of believing

*John 1:6-7*

*There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.*

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The gospel of John was written so that all who read it or hear it may believe

/That Jesus is the Christ\

*John 1:40-41*

*One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ).*

/That you may believe that Jesus is the Son of God\

*John 1:33-34*

*33 "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' 34 "I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."*

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/John the Baptist bore witness that Jesus is the Son of God . So did Nathanael:\

*John 1:49*

*49 Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."*

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/And Jesus testified that He is the Son of God:\

*John 11:4*

*4 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it."*

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*John 1:12-13*

*12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

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Believe in His name – the precious name of Jesus.

*John 3:16-18*

*16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

Jesus is the way, the truth, and **the life!** /Life!\

*John 1:4*

*4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.*

*John 10:10*

*10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

Look at John 20:28

*John 20:28-29*

*28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."*

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None of us have seen the sign miracles that Jesus performed. None of us have seen the resurrected Christ.

Yet many of us have believed in Christ as our Lord and Savior. How?

/Based on the message of truth that we heard spoken by a believer in Christ.\

*Eph 1:13-14*

*13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,*

Jesus gave Thomas the evidence that he needed to believe that Jesus rose from the dead. We could not see that evidence. We can't see the sign miracles.

So the LORD inspired John to write this gospel so we would have the evidence we need to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Do you now believe this? / Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?

Do you believe that He is your Savior? \

I hope you do. If you do, then you have life – eternal life – in His name.

If you don't, you face the judgment of the wrath of God. You will end up in the Lake of Fire.

Don't put off believing in Christ any longer. Now is the acceptable time. You need a savior. Jesus is your savior. He died on the cross for your sins. He was buried. On the third day, He was raised from the dead.

/Do not persist in deadly unbelief but BELIEVE!!!\