

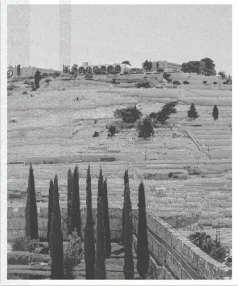
The Purpose of This Book

²⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ²¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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IF NOT JESUS, THEN WHO? discussion questions

1. Why did you initially become drawn to Jesus and Christianity?
2. Are there things in the Bible that feel offensive to you, or are difficult to believe? What are they?
3. When has following Jesus been hard for you? When has it cost you something? How did you respond?
4. How do we move our mindset from just wanting Jesus for the benefits he can give us (bread, health, money, relationships, etc) to wanting him for who he is?
5. The disruption of the last two years has brought suffering, temptation, loss, and change to many of us. These are the vulnerable moments we need to ask the question, “if not Jesus, then who, or what?” How are you currently doing? What struggle are you facing that could tempt you to walk away from Jesus?
6. Read Philippians 3:13-14. Contrast Paul’s “forgetting what is behind” with the many disciples “returning to what was behind” in John 6:66. How can we strain forward like Paul rather than go backwards, like disciples who stopped following Jesus?

The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, yet the world did not know him. ⁴ Without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁵ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁶ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁷ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.