

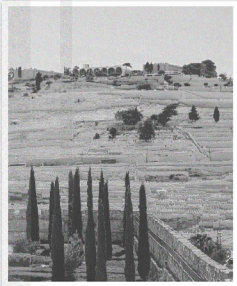


that you may

# BELIEVE

The Purpose of This Book

<sup>20</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>21</sup> 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.



## “IT IS FINISHED” discussion questions

1. Of Jesus’ seven sayings on the cross, which is especially meaningful to you? For reference see Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34, Luke 23:34,43 and 46, and John 19:26-30.
2. When we see John’s continual emphasis on the fulfillment of God’s intentional plans (e.g. references to the hour arriving and to the fulfillment of Scripture), we see that God is very much in charge of history. How does that comfort you personally? What situations in your life do you need to acknowledge God’s intentional involvement?
3. Jesus was fully God, but he was also fully human and was tempted just as we are. Throughout the process of crucifixion, Jesus must have been tempted to back out. When we see Jesus persevere to the end, completing his work in its entirety, what do we see in the person of God? How should that draw out praise in us? What specific steps in the process do you think especially demonstrate Jesus’ praiseworthiness?
4. Jesus fully accomplished the work needed to secure our justification. In what ways do we, like the Galatians, try to take back responsibility for our own justification? Is there something that you specifically are trying to do that Jesus already has done?
5. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus were both hesitant disciples, mainly due to their high positions that they may have needed to give up. Have you similarly wrestled to publicly identifying with Christ because of the way it might affect your social position? Is that a current struggle for you? How so? What truths are needed when we are confronted with a decision between reputation and Jesus?

### The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>4</sup> Without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>5</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>6</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> (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.’) <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

