

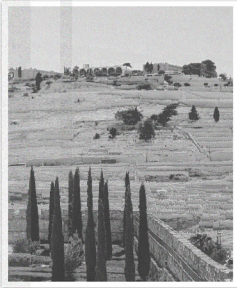
The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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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BELIEVE



“WHY BELIEVE” discussion questions

1. How are you doing at believing the witness of the apostles about the reality of Jesus’ resurrection?
2. What was the most difficult thing for you to believe about the Bible when you were deciding whether it was true? Or, if you are still in the decision process, what currently is the most difficult thing for you to believe about Jesus or the Bible?
3. How does this passage treat the relationship of doubt and faith? When you have doubts or have had doubts in the past, what have you found helpful?
4. Jesus says people who are able to believe without physically seeing all the proof are “blessed.” In what ways could these types of people be blessed?
5. In what way should the reality of Jesus’ resurrection shape your life? How seriously have you taken his commission in verse 21?



The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

¹In 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, and without him was not any thing made that was made.⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.⁷ He was in the world, and the world did not know him.⁸ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.⁹ But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.¹⁰ Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹¹And 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.¹² (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.’)”) ¹³For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.¹⁴ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.¹⁵ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

¹⁶There 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.¹⁷ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.