

Believe That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God

So that you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and have life in His name (Jn. 20:30-31)

➤ Intro:

- Jn. 20:30-31

- **examination of signs** recorded in John, believe (vb., fully persuaded, convinced)
- **believe what:** Jesus is Christ, Son of God
- **result:** life in His name

- **this lesson:** Believe That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God

The signs (miracles) in the gospel of John

➤ - What do the signs (miracles) prove?

- **Heb. 1:1-2a; 2:1-4** God's testimony that Jesus is the Christ, His Son, whom we must hear and obey (**Heb. 5:9**)

➤ - turning water into wine in Cana (**Jn. 2:1-12**) — power of quality, nature, creation

- first miracle Jesus did
- ran out of wine at wedding feast
- Jesus had servants fill 6 stone water pots (20 - 30 gallons each, 120 - 180 gallons total)
- **Jn. 2:9-10** servants took wine to headwaiter, better than any of the wine they had — power over quality, nature, creation

➤ - healing a nobleman's son in Cana (**Jn. 4:46-54**) — power over time, space, health

- Jesus was in Cana, man came from Capernaum to ask Jesus to heal his son
- **Jn. 4:49-53** boy healed w/out Jesus going to Capernaum — power over time, space, health

➤ - healing a man at Bethesda (**Jn. 5:1-17**) — Lord of the Sabbath, equal to God, Son of God, power over health

- Jesus healed a man at the sheep's gate (Bethesda) on the Sabbath
- **Jn. 5:10-18** Jews wanted to kill Jesus, healed on the Sabbath, equal to God, Son of God — Lord of the Sabbath, equal to God, Son of God, power over health

➤ - feeding of five thousand men (20-30k +/- total) w/ 5 loaves and 2 fishes (**Jn. 6:1-14**) — power over mass

- fed thousands with 5 loaves and 2 fishes
- Jesus gave thanks before distributing food - us today, before eating
- **Jn. 6:12-13** 12 baskets of left overs taken up - more left overs than what started with — power over mass

➤ - Jesus walking on the water (**Jn. 6:15-25**) — power over the laws of nature

- after Jesus fed the 5,000 men (+ women and children), they wanted to make Him king
 - Jesus sent the people away, went to mountain to pray
 - sent the apostles away, escape in a boat across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum
- 4th watch of the night (3-6 a.m.), Jesus was walking on the water - Sea of Galilee
- Jesus identified himself and told them not to be afraid
- Peter tried to walk on the water, but failed when became frightened
- **Jn. 6:20-21** Jesus got in boat, immediately at Capernaum — power over the laws of nature

- - **healing a man born blind on the Sabbath (Jn. 9:1-12) — power over created life**
 - man was blind from birth
 - disciples asked Jesus who sinned - man of his parents
 - **Jn. 9:6-7** Jesus spit on the ground and made clay, commanded man to wash in the pool of Siloam, healed — **power over created life - the way the man was born**
 - **Jn. 9:35-38** Jesus heard Jews had put healed man out of the synagogue, went to him and affirms His deity (cf. Jn. 1:1-4) — **Lord of the Sabbath, divine**

- - **resurrection of Lazarus (Jn. 11:1-46) — power over death, resurrection, eternal life**
 - Jesus resurrected Lazarus as prelude to His own resurrection
 - **Jn. 11:11, 14-15** Lazarus died to provide an opportunity for Jesus to raise him - them to believe
 - **Jn. 11:23-26** Jesus to Martha, believe - eternal life — **power over death, resurrection, eternal life**
 - **Jn. 11:40** believe, see the glory of God — **us, heaven, eternal life**

- - **Jesus' resurrection (Jn. 20-21) — giver of eternal life**
 - **Jesus had authority to lay down His life and take it up**
 - **Jn. 10:17-18** Jesus' resurrected body, a sign
 - **Matt. 12:38-40** sign Jonah, Jesus in grace 3 days and resurrect — **giver of eternal life**
 - **note the signs of His resurrection - eye witnesses and physical proof**
 - **Jn. 20:1-10 (Sunday, resurrection day)** the empty tomb
 - **Jn. 20:11-13 (Sunday, resurrection day)** testimony of the angels at the tomb
 - **Jn. 20:14-18 (Sunday, resurrection day)** Mary's eye witness of Jesus in the garden
 - **Jn. 20:19-25 (Sunday, resurrection day)** Jesus appeared in an upper room to 10 of the 11 apostles who were meeting behind a locked door
 - **Jn. 20:26-31 (Sunday, 1 week later)** Jesus appear to all 11 apostles, Thomas there and touched Jesus' flesh
 - **Jn. 21:1-14** Jesus appeared several apostles one morning, miracle of catching fish
 - similar to the miracle when he called them to become apostles
 - last miracle of Jesus recorded by John

What do we believe as a result of the signs Jesus performed? — believe Jesus is the Christ, Son of God

- - **Jn. 10:22-26, 36-38** believe Jesus is the Christ — therefore the Son of God as He claimed, therefore obey

What is the result of believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? — have life in His name

➤ - **Jn. 20:30-31** believe, have life in Jesus' name

- **Acts 4:12** (Peter to Sanhedrin — name) saved, name of Jesus

- “name” denotes power and authority

- **Col. 3:17a** do all in the name of Jesus

➤ - **Jn. 3:16-21** believe (vs. 16, 18) / not judged as one who disbelieves / go to Light (Jesus)

- **Jn. 12:36a** (Jesus) sons of Light

➤ - **Jn. 6:26-29** believe / work the works of God / have food that endures to eternal life (vs. 27)

➤ - **Jn. 10:27** believe / follow Jesus / saved

- **Jn. 8:24** unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins

- **1 Pet. 2:21** follow in Jesus' steps

➤ - **Jn. 1:12-13** believe in name of Jesus (authority) / born of God / child of God

- **1 Pet. 1:1-2a; Heb. 5:9** obey Christ / saved

- **Jn. 9:38** Thomas, believed, worshiped

➤ **Summary / Inv.:**

- I want each person here to believe more than ever — **Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God**

- as a result of the signs (miracles) recorded in the Bible, done by Jesus, we believe He is the Christ, the Son of God, whom we must obey

- as a result of our obedient faith, we are saved — sons of Light, sons of God, possess eternal life

- **Inv.:**

- What has Jesus commanded us to do? — if you believe, you will obey