

**JOHN 21:25 & 20:30-31**

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**Concluding Sermon to our Study in John**

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Even a quick reading through **the gospels** reveal many events which John did not choose to include in his gospel account.

(We have looked for instance in **Luke 24** at the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus' eating of the broiled fish and honeycomb and in the same chapter **how Jesus "opened their understanding that they might understand the scriptures."** )

**Each gospel writer had a specific doctrinal goal or objective in mind.** (We have discussed this many times in our study of John.) In most books of the Bible there are one or two "**KEY VERSES**" that help us understand what it is that the writer is conveying throughout his gospel or epistle.

**For instance, looking at a couple of other books that John wrote we find:**

**I John 1:4** - has the **key hanging in the front door** . . . . "these things write we unto you that your joy might be full"

Similarly **Revelation** has the **key near the front** of the book.

**Revelation 1:19** **Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;**

**BUT, where do we find the key to the Gospel of John?**

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The record that John gave us has a **specific goal in mind** - which is **that we might believe on Him!**

The **BASIS of our faith** is in the **AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD**. **JOHN 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**“AND THE DICIPLES BELIEVED THE WORD” –**

**JOHN 2:22;** When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; **and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.**

**John 4:50** (*nobleman's son*) Jesus saith unto him, **Go thy way; thy son liveth.** And the **man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto** him, and he went his way.

The **OBJECT** of our **saving faith** is **GOD - IN THE PERSON OF HIS SON, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

**John 6:29** When the PEOPLE came to learn what work was necessary for salvation.

**John 6:28** Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might **work the works of God?**  
**29** Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**

**John 14:1** Let not your heart be troubled: **ye believe in God, believe also in me.**

Who willingly gave His life that **"all men through Him might believe.**

**John 1:7** The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, **that all *men* through him might believe.**

**John 3:16-18** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**18** He that **believeth on him** is not condemned: but he that believeth **not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

**It is faith that makes us sons** - **John 1:12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that **believe on his name:**

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It is **faith that allows complete satisfaction to be ours**, and allows us to be a blessing

to others. - **John 7:37,38** - In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, *If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*

**38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

It is **True Faith that produces works which glorify God.** **John 14:12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me**, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

It is the **POWER OF FAITH that removes darkness** - **John 12:46** I am come a light into the world, that **whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.**

**Cf. Col. 1:12-14** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

**Col 1:13** **Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:**

**Col 1:14** In whom we have **redemption through his blood**, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

It is the **CONFESSION of true faith** that we with the first disciples may say - **John 6:69**

**"WE BELIEVE AND ART SURE THAT THOU ART CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."**

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AND - **I John 5:1** "WHOSOEVER **BELIEVETH** THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST IS BORN OF GOD: AND EVERY ONE THAT LOVETH HIM THAT BEGAT LOVETH HIM ALSO HIM THAT IS BEGOTTEN OF HIM."

As marvelous as these truths are it is also equally true **that those who FAIL TO BELIEVE - are DAMNED.**

It is not the **SINS that we commit** but the **SIN of unbelief** that damns us. Jesus came into the world to **take away the sin of the world** - **John 1:29** – THAT **DAMNING SIN** ABOVE ALL OTHERS IS THE **SIN OF UNBELIEF** –

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**JOHN 3:36** **He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the**

Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

BUT JOHN HAS GIVEN US HIS BLESSED GOSPEL THAT WE MAY BELIEVE!!!!!!

This Smattering Of Events That John Witnessed And Recorded Are In And Of Themselves All That We Need To Know To Experience Salvation!

BUT WERE THERE OTHER THINGS WHICH JESUS DID? ABSOLUTELY! **John 20:33 AND 21:25** –

many other things which Jesus did **21:25**

many other signs truly did Jesus **20:33**

### **Matt. 4:23-25 Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds**

**Matt 4:23** And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

**24** Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

**25 Great multitudes** followed Him—from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. *NKJV*

This is a very concise statement of fact. Volumes could be written on each event, but the ramifications of that event, would require libraries to record.

When **John the Baptist** questioned the identity of Jesus - what was Jesus' reply?

**Matt. 11:2-5**

**Mat 11:2** And when **John** had heard in prison **about the works of Christ**, he sent two of his disciples

**3** and said to Him, "**Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?**"

**4** Jesus answered and said to them, "**Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:**

**5** *The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

**Why isn't more recorded?** (apocrypha attempt) **No more is needed. IT IS ENOUGH.**

**LAZARUS AND THE RICH MAN. - LUKE 16:27-31 . " . . . If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."**

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**1 Co 11:23** For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:

**24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.**