

## **Untrustworthy Believers**

**John 2:23-25 (Page 72 in the NT section of the black Pew Bible)**

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<sup>30</sup>Therefore, many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:30-31)

What does it mean to believe in Jesus Christ? What is it that we believe about Him?

### **Context: In Jerusalem during the Passover (2:23a)**

<sup>23</sup>Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast,...

See 2:13 “The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.”

Jesus had drove out those selling animals and the money changers.

### **Many Believed in His Name (2:23b)**

<sup>23</sup>...many believed in His name,

## **The Basis for Their Belief**

observing His signs which He was doing.

**Signs** (see 2:11) are “significant displays of power that point beyond themselves to the deeper realities that could be perceived through the eyes of faith.” (D.A. Carson, Pillar Commentary on John, p. 175)

John 4:48

John 6:1-2, 14-15, 26-30, 35-44

1Corinthians 1:21-24

## **But Jesus Was Not Entrusting Himself to Them (2:24a)**

<sup>24</sup>But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them

Other passages where the Greek word pisteuo is translated as entrust/entrusting – Luke. 16:11; Rom. 3:2; 1Cor. 9:17; Gal. 2:7; 1Thes. 2:4; 1Tim. 1:11; Titus 1:3

## **Reason:**

for He knew all men, (motives/reason for their belief)

John 6:63-64

<sup>25</sup>and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man,

for He Himself knew what was in man. (the nature of man)

1Kings 8:39

Jeremiah 17:8-9

Hebrews 4:13

**Application:**

What kind of faith do I have?

James 2:14-26