

# The Power of Christ is Proof of the Person of Christ

## John 20:30–31

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### **Introduction**

The most critical and crucial thing that any sinner can do is to believe in Jesus Christ. It is more important than anything that his life has to offer.

In fact according to the Bible, it is more important than life itself.

Without belief, it is impossible to please God.

Without belief, forgiveness of sin is off limits

Without belief, justification is not possible

Without belief, Heavens doors are shut and locked

Without it you have a temporary reprieve at best from the eternal wrath of God, but eventually if you remain in you unbelief and die in that condition, you will be forever declaring the justice of a Holy God in Hell, in full assurance and belief that He is real. Your unbelief with give way to belief, but it will be to late.

The common thread running through the bible, or better yet the life saving rope that will pull you out of the murky pit of sin and deliver your soul from eternal punishment is belief.

As far back as Genesis 15 where is says of Abraham

Genesis 15:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.  
to

Revelation 21:8–9 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, **unbelieving**, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

This is clearly the a theme in John's Gospel  
John 1:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 3:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> .... whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> "He who believes in Him is not condemned;...

John 3:36 (NKJV)

<sup>36</sup> He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 5:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> ...he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, ...

John 6:40 (NKJV)

<sup>40</sup>...everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

John 6:47 (NKJV)

<sup>47</sup> ...he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

John 11:25 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> ... He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

John 11:26 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die....

Even Paul

Romans 5:1–2 (NKJV)

**5** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>2</sup> through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, ...

Galatians 2:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

So it should be no surprise to us that as we come to the close of John, that the evangelist calls on those who hear and read his gospel to believe

## **Review**

### **Lesson**

I. The Magnitude of the Ministry

II. The Mission of the Ministry

### **I. The Magnitude of the Ministry**

**30** And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His

disciples, which are not written in this book;

There are two views of how to take this verse.

1. Some believe that John means that there were many other signs that Jesus did after the resurrection in the presence of his disciples that proved to his disciples that he was the Resurrected Christ from the dead. But John did not record all of them.

There *were* other signs which the Savior gave to the Eleven which proved that He had risen from the dead, but the Holy Spirit did not move *John* to record them. Some of them are described in the Synoptics. For example, His appearing to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:15), His eating in the presence of the Eleven (Luke 24:43), His opening their understandings to understand the Scriptures (Luke 24:45), His appearing to them in Galilee (Matthew 28:16), His declaration that all power was given unto Him in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18), His commissioning them to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the triune God (Matthew 28:19, 20)

Acts 1:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 15:5–8 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

This conclusion is made because

A. It says specifically that Jesus did these signs in the presence of the disciples (only) and not before the general public.

B. The fact that these verses are sandwiched between the initial appearances and the ones, (the women, and disciples, then Thomas) and the appearances with 7 other disciples on the shore of the sea of Galilee. The flow of the context seems to be unbroken.

C. The Conclusion would seem repetitive if our passage was talking about the whole life of Christ and not just the appearances post Resurrection.

John 21:24–25 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

<sup>25</sup> And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

2. The Second view is that John is making a general statement regarding the purpose of the Book that he has selected certain signs to point all unbelievers to Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God.

That these many signs refer to the many more that were not recorded by John but the ones he did choose are specifically selected to show us that Jesus is the Christ.

The support for this view is

A. The immediate context seems to indicate the John has a broader purpose in mind.



John 20:29 (NKJV)

29 Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.”

Thomas saw and believed. He was a person witness. But these are written down and many other in other books (Matthew, Mark and Luke) for the ones who have not seen, but can read and believe.

**30** And truly Jesus did many other signs

Πολλα μεν ουν και αλλα σημεια εποιησεν ο Ιησους

The particles *men* **oun** connect vv. 30–31 with what precedes. The most common meaning of the second is ‘**therefore**’. The flow of thought seems to be: Those who have not seen the risen Christ and yet have believed are blessed; *therefore* this book has been composed, to the end that you may believe.

Carson, D. A. (1991). *The Gospel according to John* (pp. 660–661). Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; W.B. Eerdmans.

B. The second verse which says

## John 20:31 (NKJV)

<sup>31</sup> but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

indicates that these are written that you may believe. Surely there is more in mind than the few verses of chapter 20 and 21 of the resurrection to convince you to believe. The resurrection is powerful, no doubt, but the other miracles of Jesus are just as powerful.

And throughout the gospel of John, it is clearly referenced that these signs convinced someone to believe and using all the signs recorded lines up with the evangelistic intent of the book

## John 2:23–25 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men*, <sup>25</sup> and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

### John 3:1–2 (NKJV)

**3** There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

### John 4:39 (NKJV)

<sup>39</sup> And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I *ever* did.”

### John 4:41–42 (NKJV)

<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of His own word.

<sup>42</sup> Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

### John 4:51–53 (NKJV)

<sup>51</sup> And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, “Your son lives!”

<sup>52</sup> Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” <sup>53</sup> So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “**Your son lives.**” And he himself believed, and his whole household.

John 9:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.”

Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

John 9:36–38 (NKJV)

<sup>36</sup> He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

<sup>37</sup> And Jesus said to him, “**You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.**”

<sup>38</sup> Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.

John 12:10–11 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, <sup>11</sup> because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

John 16:30 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.”

John 12:37 (NKJV)

<sup>37</sup> But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,

Jesus did many other  
signs in the presence of His  
disciples

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**enópios:** in sight of, before

**Original Word:** ἐνώπιον

**Part of Speech:** Adverb

**Transliteration:** enópios

**Phonetic Spelling:** (en-o'-pee-on)

**Definition:** in sight of, before

**Usage:** before the face of, in the presence of, in the eyes of.

2. before one's eyes; in one's presence and sight or hearing;

1799 enôpion – literally, "in the eye (of God)," used for how all things happen under God's watch, i.e. in keeping with His plan built on His absolute knowledge.

These disciples, are eye witnesses....not that every and all the disciples were present and seeing every single miracle, but as a whole they are witness to many other signs.

**30** And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

When John says that these “other signs” which Jesus did are not written in *this* book [the fourth Gospel], he implies that they are in some other book or books. On this, one has quaintly said, “St. John generously recognizes the existence of other books beside his own, and disclaims the idea of his Gospel being the only one which Christians ought to read. Happy is that author which can humbly say ‘My book does not contain everything about the subject it handles. There are other books about it. Read them.’ ”

Pink, A. W. (1923–1945). [\*Exposition of the Gospel of John\*](#) (p. 1116). Swengel, PA: Bible Truth Depot.

*Jesus did many other signs not recorded in John.*

1. Jesus cast out demons
2. Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law
3. Jesus Heals many at Evening
4. Causes a miraculous catch of fish
5. Heals a man with Leprosy
6. Heals the Paralytic
7. Heals man with the withered hand
8. Raises the widows son from the dead
9. Calms the storm
10. Delivers a man from demons and cast them into a herd of pigs
11. Heals the women who touches him in the crowd
12. Gives sight to two blind men
13. Heals a man unable to speak
14. Raises Jarius daughter from the dead.
15. Heals many sick in Gennesaret

16. Heals a Gentile woman's demon possessed daughter
17. Heals a deaf and dumb man
18. Feeds the 4000 or 20,000
19. Heals a blind man at Bethsaida
20. Heals a boy with demon
21. Takes temple tax from a Fish's mouth
22. Heals a Blind, Mute man with demons
23. Heals a Crippled Woman
24. Heals a man with dropsy on the Sabbath
25. Cleanses ten lepers
26. Restores the sight of Bartimaeus
27. Causes a fig tree to Wither
28. Restores the servants severed Ear

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**31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

These are written

There are specific signs, = miraculous events that point to something.

These signs point to the fact that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah, Anointed One), the Son of God i.e. GOD in essence

As you look through these signs, they all point out characteristics that are God's

His signs started in

[John 2 = Turning the water into wine](#)

John 2:11 (NKJV)<sup>11</sup> This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee,

This shows us that Jesus has power over the physical, molecular and atomic make up of things

Also since it was the better tasting wine, it indicates that He has complete control of time, to bypass it, and the 2nd law of thermodynamics or decay, which age and decay produce the wine.

This is His Omnipotence over creation.

John 4 = Jesus tells the women whom He has never met the details of her life

John 4:15–19 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

<sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

<sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

John 4:29 (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”

This show us that Jesus knows all things. All our failures and sins, all our struggles and stresses.

He is our Omniscience God

Also in the presence of the sin of this women, He did not condemn her and send her to hell at that moment, but was compassionate, merciful and longsuffering with her.

He is is our loving, Merciful God.

Also he met with a women in the middle of the day, which was forbidden in Jewish culture, especially for a Rabbi.

This shows us that Jesus show no favoritism or prejudice.

He is a God of no partiality

Whether you are male or female, slave or free. Jew or Samaritan or Gentile, religious or pagan. You are savable and forgivable of your sins.

[John 4 = The nobleman's Son was healed who was near death.](#)

**John 4:49–50 (NKJV)**

<sup>49</sup> The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!”

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

This shows us that Jesus has authority over life, health, disease and death.

He is not affected by distance or time.

He is compassionate for the health needs of our families and has compassion in our sufferings of our loved one.

He is our Authoritative, Omnipresent, Compassionate God of Healing.

John 5 = the man with an infirmity 38 years.

John 5:5–6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?”

John 5:8–9 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, “**Rise, take up your bed and walk.**” <sup>9</sup> And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

This shows us that Jesus knows our suffering and the time we spend in it. He is powerful over the infirmities of our bodies and will sovereignly allow us to suffer for a time so that we can bring glory to his name and is willing to heal and to heal completely

This is our Sovereign over suffering God who is Omnipotent and Omniscient over our physical illnesses.

## The feeding of the 25,000

John 6:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

John 6:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”

John 6:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said, “**Make the people sit down.**”  
Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

John 6:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

This shows us that Jesus has power to create fish and already baked and prepared bread out of nothing. He creates ex nihilo, He creates as God creates in Genesis 1.

Also it shows He is the provider of our basic needs...food. And the most mundane everyday thing we need He provides.

He is our Creator God. Our Sustainer God.

Our Provider God. He is our source of life.

## Jesus walking on the Sea

John 6:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid.

This shows us that Jesus is not constrained by the laws of nature. (gravity). He has power and authority over the seas. He has power and authority over his physical creation,

He is our Omnipotent God of over all Creation and binding laws that he made for them.

## Jesus controls the timing of His death

John 7:30 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.?"

This shows us that he has complete control over death and the evil desires of men.

He is our Sovereign God who Rules over evil and death.

## Jesus forgives sins

John 8:10–11 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “**Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?**”

<sup>11</sup> She said, “No one, Lord.”

And Jesus said to her, “**Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.**”

**T**his shows that that Judgment is in the hands of Christ. He can condemn or not condemn. He can forgive or not forgive and only God can forgive sins.

He is our Forgiving and Reconciling God who loves to forgive sin and iniquity and redeem sinners for His own possession.

John 9:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “**Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.**”

John 9:6–7 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He



anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.  
7 And He said to him, **“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”** (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

This shows us that Jesus has power over darkness and blindness, both physical and spiritual.

He is the God of Light and the God of Life.

who was sent to give sight to the blind and to heal the broken hearted

## The Resurrection of Lazarus

John 11:43–44 (NKJV)

43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, **“Lazarus, come forth!”** 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, **“Loose him, and let him go.”**

This shows us that Jesus has the power of life and death and is sovereign over the timing of it. He may

let you suffer and die for His glory or he may heal you for his glory.

Also he is compassionate and symathetic toward those who suffer at the hands of the destructive power of death as we weeps at the tomb.

He is the God of Life, The God of Resurrection  
The God who has power over death, and the devil

## The knowledge of who His betrayer was

John 13:25–26 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped *it*." And having dipped the bread, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon.

This show us that Jesus knows the hearts of men. Every good and evil thought are fully exposed to

him. Every evil plotting and deceptive plan are laid bare before Him

He is our Omniscient God who oversees and purposes the inclusion of evil in his plan. He is Sovereign over Good and Evil.

Peter's failure was known by Jesus before it happened.

John 13:37–38 (NKJV)

<sup>37</sup> Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake.”

<sup>38</sup> Jesus answered him, “Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

This shows us that Jesus knows the failures of his saints. He is fully aware of their sin before they do any of it, yet chooses them to be His disciples by grace.

He is our Omniscient God of Compassion that will not let you go, even though you sin and fail Him. He is faithful to die for Peter even though He knows that Peter will deny Him.

The Army of men and leaders fall back in the Garden

John 18:4–6 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, “**Whom are you seeking?**”

<sup>5</sup> They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus said to them, “**I am He.**” And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. <sup>6</sup> Now when He said to them, “**I am He,**” they drew back and fell to the ground.

This shows us the power of Christ, more specifically the power of His name and his full control over the hundreds that came to arrest Him.

He is a volunteer, not a victim of the cross.

He is our All powerful willing Savior who Submits to the will of the Father to die on the cross.

The Armies of earth are no threat to the Sovereign King, He will use them as a footstool.

## The Resurrection of Christ

John 20:26–28 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, **“Peace to you!”** <sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, **“Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”**

<sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

This show us that Christ has power over death and life. He is the conquer of death. He raised himself up.

Also, he is patient with us, not willing that any should perish. He intentionally comes to Thomas to help his unbelief.

He is our God of Resurrection and God of life. He is the long-suffering Savior who comes to the aid of his saints enabling them to believe and to follow Christ.

Just with these miracles alone

We can conclude that Jesus is

Omnipotent

Omniscient

Omnipresent

Creator

Sustainer

Provider

Compassionate

Long-suffering

Patient

Loving

Gracious

Merciful

Forgiving

Judge

Absolute Authority

Soveriegn over all good and evil and all the detail of all of His Creation.

There are other events, not miraculous that are statements made, or the conduct of life that

shows that Jesus was absolutely HOLY, sinless and obedient to all the Law of God.

So we could add

Holy

Righteous

Sinless

Light, with no darkness.

**31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name

So all of these are written that you may believe Jesus is

1. The Christ — Messiah sent by God
2. The Son of God.

Matthew 16:16–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.**

1 John 4:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

1 John 5:1 (NKJV)

**5** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...

1 John 5:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

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**Christos: the Anointed One, Messiah, Christ**

**Original Word:** Χριστός, οὐ, ὁ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Masculine

**Transliteration:** Christos

**Phonetic Spelling:** (khris-tos')

**Definition:** the Anointed One, Messiah, Christ

**Usage:** Anointed One; the Messiah, the Christ.

Jesus is the Anointed one. The promised Messiah

The one set apart for a specific Role

In Old Test. Prophets, Priest and Kings were anointed.

They are set apart for specific service for God.

the Son of God,== But Jesus cannot be the Messiah without being the Son of God. The task is to great the mission is to deep for any man to accomplish.

This Son of Man had to also be the Son of God.

The easy part is to believe he was a man. The hard part is to believe He is the the Son of God.

Clarification.

When we where the term Son, we think in terms of a Human father and Human son. They are two distinct, individuals, with different characteristics and likes and personalities. They are two people, not one person. But when we hear the term Son of God, we need to think a differently

This is not saying that the Father and the Son are so distinct that that they are 2 Gods. like two individuals people, Father and Son.

But the point of Father and son is essence, same nature.

The Son is distinct in the sense that He is the Son and not the Father. He is the Son and not the Holy Spirit. Just as the Father is not the Son and not the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is not the Son and is not the Father.

But they all have have the same nature and are One.

As my son is a human and has the same essence and nature. So the Son of God is the same essence and nature as God the Father.

So its not that God the Father produced a second God.

But rather Christ is His Son in the sense of essence and Nature. He is not less than God or inferior to the Father.

This is clear in how the Jews understood the Father Son relationship when Jesus referred to God as his Father.

John 5:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

John 8:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Then they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?”  
Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.”

John 10:30–33 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> I and My Father are one.”

<sup>31</sup> Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, “Many good works I

have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?”

<sup>33</sup> The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.”

What are we to do with all this information.

## **Believe it.**

**31** but these are written that you may believe (A.A.S) that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing (P.A.Pt) you may have life in His name.

This Believe is a real lifetime commitment.

these are written that you may believe Aorist- historical fact and definite act. It is definitive and complete and whole.

and if it is that kind of belief, it will issue in a lifetime of on going belief.

and that in continuing in believing you may, will have Life, eternal life, in HIM, his name.

This is different than the half hearted temporary believe that does not affect the life and the will.

Millions have believed but have believed non savingly.

Saving faith is definitive, life changing, life altering and lasting.

Not shallow and temporal, and not effective.

Why is it important to believe this?

John 8:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”

## Warning

John 12:37 (NKJV)

<sup>37</sup> But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,

Luke 16:27–31 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house,

<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’  
<sup>29</sup> Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup> And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

Hebrews 2:1–4 (NKJV)

**2** Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. <sup>2</sup> For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, <sup>4</sup> God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Hebrews 3:12–13 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup> but exhort one another daily, while it is called "*Today*," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

This not an academic problem as much as it is a heart problem. We have all the evidence we need.

Romans 1 we have creation

Romans 2 We have the law written on our hearts

Romans 3 We have Jesus sent forth to die for us.

We have the full record of all of this. All the information. All the witnesses. All the evidence.

Yet so many are unwilling to believe.

Why, in face of so much convincing evidence

Irrefutable evidence. We have Historical proof, We have Archeological proof. We have judicial proof. We have witness proof. We have written proof. We have prophetic proof.

Yet we still refuse to believe

Reason:

We love our sin and do not want to believe that Jesus is the Christ to whom we are accountable.

John 3:18–21 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Cry out to God, and ask him to grant you repentance and faith to believe the Gospel. Do not harden your heart in the darkness of your sin. Believe in Christ and Live!!!