

# “THAT YOU MIGHT BELIEVE!”

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"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 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." {John 20:30,31} John tells us very clearly towards the end of this gospel the purpose of his writing. Let me offer you a small sample of the "**evidence**" presented.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God He was in the beginning with God All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." {John 1:1-3}

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." {John 1:14}

"For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." {John 1: 17}

"This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him." {John 2:11}

"Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did Could this be the Christ?" {John 4:29} How did Jesus know about this Samaritan woman at the well? Why was He even talking to a woman – especially a Samaritan?

"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." {John 4:50} How much faith did the nobleman's son have? We do not know, but Jesus stilled healed him! How far away was Jesus from the son? None of these things even come into play because he was dealing with the Son of God!

"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son," {John 5:22} Why did the Father give Him this authority?

"Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." {John 6: 14} After the feeding of the five thousand, these men understood Jesus was someone special. Yet, later Jesus would rebuke those who just followed Him for the loaves and the fishes." Jesus' purpose was not to impress men with miracles but to save them, Luke 19:10.

"And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." {John 6:35} Jesus was offering "spiritual food" for the "inner man."

"He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see. "{John 9:25} The Pharisees went to great length to discredit Jesus in the healing of the blind man. Yet, the fact remains the blind man could now see!

"And he who had died came out, bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." {John 11:44} The chief priests even sought to put Lazarus to death, to keep people from following Jesus!

"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. " {John 17: 4,5 } Jesus had fulfilled His Father's work and now is ready to go back to Him!

"So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. "{John 19:30} He died for the sins of the world!

Well, how did John do? We gave just a sampling of the evidence contained in John's gospel. All the teachings, the miracles, fulfilled prophecies, and His claims are in this wonderful book. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? Do you have "life" in His name? If not, why not? \*\*\*