The Book of John

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John 1-3

John 20:30

Movie

The book of John – 98 times “believe”

Believing: defined

Related subjects: truth, Son of God, faith

“Believe” in scripture

“Truth” in scripture

Examples of believing in John

1. John 1:32 – John the Baptist – heard from God, saw
2. John 1:46 – Nathaniel – word from Jesus
3. John 2:11 water to wine
4. John 4:39 the woman at the well – her testimony, Jesus
5. John 4:48 – healing officials son – sign/miracle
6. John 6:66 Peter – teaching of Jesus
7. John 9 – blind man at pool of Siloam – miracle/healing
8. John 11:45 – raising Lazarus – miracle
9. John 17:20 believe through the testimony of disciples 19:35
10. John 20 -24 – Thomas – see

“None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because **they knew** it was the Lord.” John 21:12

John 13 – onward moves from believe to love

Observations

You need to believe in God first – John 5:38, 12:44, 14:1, 17:3

You are called by God to believe, John 6:44- 45, 6:65, 12:40

Some will believe who have the same exact experience as some who will not – John 9:18

Jesus says, “I am God’s son” John 10:36

You can believe and not confess it – 12:42

The Holy Spirit will testify, disciples are meant to testify 15:26

Questions for consideration?

1. Does the Book of John shed light on “believing”? How?

2. What aspects of the Book of John are harder to accept?

3. What facts or beliefs do you find in your mind - that contradict believing in John’s testimony?

4. Is believing in God and the Son of God, a singular decision or a process? Or both?