



Believing in the Glorious Savior

John 20:24-31

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The conclusion of John's gospel (with the epilogue still to come) urges John's readers to believe that Jesus Christ is who He said He was (God in flesh), that He did what He said He would do (die for sinners and then rise again from the dead), and that He has the power to give everlasting life to all who believe.

The Overarching Theme of the Gospel of John – Belief in Jesus Christ
John 3:15-16; 5:24; 6:29, 35, 47; 7:38; 8:24; 9:35; 11:25; 12:46 et al.

The unbelief of Thomas (20:24-25)

The gracious appearance of Jesus to Thomas (20:26-27)

The confession of Thomas (20:28)

Jesus declares a blessing and John describes his purpose (20:29-31)

Suggested resource: *Why Trust the Bible?* By Gregory Gilbert, 2015, Crossway.

Questions to Consider

1. Pick out some key verses in the book of John and partner up with someone to work on memorizing them. At minimum, memorize where the references are so that you can show someone the claims Jesus made, and the miracles He did that substantiated those claims.
2. In John chapters 2 through 11, there are seven specific sign miracles that Jesus performed. How many of them can you recall?
3. Read John 11:14-16 and John 14:1-5. What insights do you gain into Thomas? In what ways do you act or think like Thomas?
4. Jesus' statement to Thomas in 20:27 seems to be both a warning and an exhortation. What are some ways we might apply Jesus' words to Thomas, along with His actions before Thomas, to our own evangelistic appeals?
5. What is the significance of Thomas' confession in verse 28?
6. What is the significance of John recording miraculous signs that Jesus performed?
7. If you were talking to someone who did not believe in Jesus Christ, how would you explain the last part of John 20:31? What does it mean to have "life in His name"? Can you explain that from both Scripture and your own life experience?