

New Testament - Lesson 4

John

Theme: The Story of Jesus as the Savior

Key Verse: But these are written so that you may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

John 20:31

John

So much to write about...so little time! Jesus did many things that could have been recorded by John, one of Jesus' closest friends. But John didn't write just anything down. Since the other three gospels were written first, John was able to write about things the others may not have included (Jn. 21:24-25), and he did so with the goal of convincing his readers to believe that Jesus was the Son of God (John 20:31).

As God's perfect Son, Jesus was able to take on our sin in exchange for His righteousness. Then he paid for that sin, exchanging sin's penalty of death for eternal life to any who believe.

This Week

Read John 20:24-31

- What was Thomas having trouble believing? Why?
- What finally convinced Thomas that Jesus was alive?
- In verse 29, Jesus says those who believe without seeing him firsthand are blessed. Why do you think John wrote down the things he did? (v. 31)

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Believe It or Not!

Discussion Page

1. What do the following verses say about those who “believe”?

- John 1:11-12
- John 3:16-18
- John 5:24
- John 6:28-29

2. But what are we to believe about Jesus?!

- He was God’s _____ Son. (2 Cor. 5:21)
- His death was payment for my _____. (1 Pet. 3:18)
- His resurrection is proof of the new life he offers starting now and lasting through all eternity in God’s presence.



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Too Much Clutter!

Clear away the "clutter" from the puzzle below and put the letters on the spaces.

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