

REASONS TO BELIEVE

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Believing Into Life, Part 17

BIG IDEA: If Jesus is who he says he is, (and the evidence supports it) then you can trust him with every single aspect of your life. Your marriage, self-image, career, school, direction, future, brokenness, pain, and your sins!

³² ...There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

³³ “You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth.

³⁶ “For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me.

³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me.

³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

⁴¹ “... you do not have the love of God in your hearts.

⁴⁴ How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. **John 5:31-47**

The Evidence that Jesus is the Messiah?

John Baptist, Works, Father Himself, Scripture, Moses

1. The Verdict: Jesus is the Messiah—GOD’S ANSWER to sin-sick, broken humanity. You can trust him with everything!

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust in me.” **John 14:1** NCV

2. You can FIND HIM in his Word (the Bible) every day if you are looking for him!

“Every time I open the Bible, I expect to hear God speaking to me through it.”

Target: His Word finds its place within us.

“Mary treasured up all these words, pondering them in her heart.” **Luke 2:19** LEB

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” **John 15:7** ESV

INVITATION: Find me, hear me, in the Word, every day.

3. He wants the “LOVE OF GOD” in us.

“You don’t really love God” OR “You don’t know God’s love.”

“We love because he first loved us.” **1 John 4:19**

“This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” **1 John 4:10** NLT (Heb. 12:15)