

Jesus - Believe in Him

Why believe in Jesus?

The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him (10:31)

The issue of hostility

- . Stubborn; unchanging – Acts 19:9
- . Ignorance – 1 Tim. 1:13; Prov. 1:22
- . Envy – Matt. 27:18
- . Work of the flesh – Gal. 5:20
- . Commitment to do evil –
1 Jn. 3:12-13; Jn. 3:20
- . Pride – Rom. 1:30

The issue of faith

- . Comes by hearing the Word –
Rom. 10:17
- . Grows by prayer – Mk. 9:24
- . It gets strong by fixing our eyes
on Jesus- Heb. 12:2
- . It is in contrast to fear – Mk. 5:36

- . It is objective – Jn. 8:24
- . It is internal – Rom. 10:9
- . It is relational – 2 Tim. 1:12

Why believe in Jesus?

1. He did the works of God with power.

I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me? (10:32)

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him.

Acts 10:38

If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe Me. (37)

But if I do them, even though you do not believe Me, believe the works, (38)

The perfect sun-moon earth alignment is an extraordinary cosmic coincidence. The sun is exactly 400 times larger than the moon, but it also happens to be 400 times farther away. The match is so uncanny... It's a

coincidence not only of spatial relations but also of time and motion – heavenly bodies are in a constant state of change. (CBS News – Mon. Aug. 21, 2017)

... that you may know and understand ...

Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.

Lk. 7:22

For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom. 1:21

... that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father. (38)

Nicodemus – “No one can do these signs that you do unless God is with Him.” Jn. 3:2

2. He perfectly represented God.

Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, “I said you are gods.” Jn. 10:34

Official representatives of God.

Commissioned agents of God to do His work. Ps. 82:6

If He called them gods to whom the Word of God came –
and Scripture cannot be broken ... (35)

Resist the authorities, resist what God has appointed....

Rom. 13:2

For he is God's servant for
your good... Rom. 13:4

- Goes to the Law that they
accepted
- Psalm 82 refers to humans
representing God as "gods"
- Reminds them – Law cannot be
broken or changed.

God's people are called

. godly – Ps. 4:3

. sons of God – Matt. 5:9

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the
right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak
and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the
wicked. Ps. 82:3-4

Do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world. (36)

No one has ever seen God; the only God who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known. Jn. 1:18

Do you say... "You are blaspheming because I said, "I am the Son of God?"

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature... Heb. 1:3

3. He carried out every promise.

He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first and there He remained. Jn. 10:40

Baptisms at the River

- . Come to a place to remember the great movement of God (through John's ministry)
- . To remember the lives that changed.
- . To return to where it all began.

And many came to Him and they said – John did no sign.
But everything that John said about this man was true.
(41)

- Healed many
- Compassion to the poor
- Concern for the sinner shown
- Sins forgiven
- Word of God taught
- Rebuked sin and hypocrisy
- Raised the dead

Panda Express fortune cookie:

“You will be released from the burden of your past.”

OR

Jesus says –

“Your sins are forgiven!”