

A Simple Bible Study on "Believing"

John 1:7; 1:12; 1:50; 2:11; 2:22-23; 3:12; 3:15-16; 3:18; 3:36; 4:21; 4:39; 4:41-42; 4:48; 4:50; 4:53; 5:24; 5:38; 5:44; 5:46-47; 6:29-30; 6:35-36; 6:40; 6:47; 6:64; 6:69; 7:5; 7:31; 7:38-39; 7:48; 8:24; 8:30-31; 8:45-46; 9:18; 9:35-36; 9:38; 10:25-26; 10:37-38; 10:42; 11:15; 11:25-27; 11:40; 11:42; 11:45; 11:48; 12:11; 12:36-39; 12:42; 12:44; 12:46-47; 13:19; 14:1; 14:10-12; 14:29; 16:9; 16:27; 16:30-31; 17:8; 17:20-21; 19:35; 20:8; 20:25; 20:27; 20:29; 20:31.

Chapter 10 (10:25-26; 10:37-38; 10:42 — 7 instances of *believe*)

TITLE: Believing on the Good Shepherd is a natural recognition for those truly believing but it is also...an unpopular position to take.

Intro:

Jesus, having demonstrated He is Lord over Blindness and the Sabbath in chapter 9, here, is now presenting Himself as the **I AM!** Notice these statements:

1. Vv.7,9 **I am the door of the sheep.**
2. V.10 **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**
3. V.11 **I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**
4. V.14 **I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.**
5. V.36 **Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?**

He presents the unbelief of the religious leaders in a bold manner, and then challenges them to believe not Him, but just His works (v.38)

So this chapter is a commentary on the Love of God as a Good Shepherd loving the sheep for who they are (very much in need of a shepherd)!

1-2; John 10:25-26;

Jesus answered them, **I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. V26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.**

- What works does He refer here as bearing witness?
- How do 'works' *bear witness* to truth and to reality?
- Is *telling* people enough to cause them to believe?
- How is it that sheep become so acquainted as to know their shepherd?

3-6; John 10:37-38;

If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. v38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

- Is believing the **works** of Jesus the same as believing the **person** of Jesus implied by this verse?
- Is believing the **Father** of Jesus the same as believing **Jesus** implied by this verse?
- Can we say, maybe, rather, that believing the works of the Father can lead to believing the works of Christ which can lead to the belief in Christ Himself?

7; John 10:42

Preceding Context: **Joh 10:41** And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.

V. 42 And many **believed** on him there.

- How does this connect *miracles* to believing in *John the Baptist* and in Christ Himself?
- Why did John do **no miracle** and what does this tell us about miracles and **believing**? **John 10:41** commentary by Albert Barnes – **No miracle** - He did not confirm his mission by working miracles, but he showed that he was a prophet by foretelling the character and success of Jesus. Either miracle or prophecy is conclusive proof of a divine mission, for no man can foretell a future event, or work a miracle, except by the special aid of God. It may be remarked that the people of that place were properly prepared by the ministry of John for the preaching of Jesus. The persecution of the Jews was the occasion of his going there, and thus the wrath of man was made to praise him. It has commonly happened that the opposition of the wicked has resulted in the increased success of the cause which they have persecuted. God takes the wise in their own craftiness, and brings glory to himself and salvation to sinners out of the pride, and passions, and rage of wicked men.
- How many do you suppose could this be talking about?
- What does *resorted* mean? To resort is to *accompany, appear, bring, come enter, fall out, go, grow, X light, X next, pass, resort, be set.*
- What does this imply about believing and what results after these many **believed** on Jesus beyond the Jordan.
- Where was *beyond the Jordan*? **10:40 from the Basic Bible Commentary:** The Lord **went away again beyond the Jordan to the very place where** He began His public ministry. His three years of wondrous words and works were drawing to a close. He ended them where He began them—outside the established order of Judaism, in a place of rejection and loneliness.
- What is significant about these believers?

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