

## 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 20-21 ( 20:8; 20:25; 20:27; 20:29; 20:31.— 7 instances of *believe*)

TITLE: **\_Believing is accepting the testimony of words WITHOUT seeing proof\_.**

1.

**Joh 20:6-9** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there*, (7) and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. (8) Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and **believed**. (9) For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

- Who is 'the other disciple'?
- What are we left to understand is meant by 'he saw and **believed**'?(v. 9 makes this clearer)
- What do the details about 'the handkerchief', 'in a place by itself', 'the linen cloths' 'folded together' all reveal about **believing**?
- Why do you think believing was so hard for them?
- What 'Scripture' did they not know?

2-7.

**Joh 20:24-31** Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. (25) The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not **believe**." (26) And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "**Peace to you!**" (27) Then He said to Thomas, "**Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.**" (28) And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (29) Jesus said to him, "**Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**" (30) And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; (31) but these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **believing** you may have life in His name.

- What would make Thomas demand this: ‘Unless I see...and put..my finger...hand’?
- What does ‘after eight days’ tell us about the patience of the risen Jesus as relates to **believing**?
- How important, or urgent, to Jesus in light of His comment: ‘**Do not be unbelieving, but believing**’?
- vv. 30-31 Can we insert a word here to make this sentence clearer? ‘these s\_\_\_\_\_ are written that you may **believe**’
- What is missing? ‘that **believing** you may have \_\_\_\_\_ in His name.’

What can be stated further about this missing word about the duration of this subject?

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- Can we draw a commentary-style parallel between this gospel writing and the epistles John wrote?

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