

That You May Believe
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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.
John 20:30–31

John tells us exactly why he wrote his Gospel — to help us believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Every story, every miracle, every word recorded has one purpose: that you might know Jesus and, in knowing Him, have life! We live in a world that still wrestles with doubt, just like Thomas did. (John 20:24-28) Even when we've seen God's hand at work, we sometimes wonder if He's really near, if He really cares, if His promises are really true. The truth is, our hearts are often slow to believe. We look for signs, for proof, for something we can hold in our hands.

God's Word shows us that on our own, we can't manufacture faith. We can't argue or reason our way into trusting God. We need something outside of ourselves, something sure. That's why John says, "These are written so that you may believe." The Word itself carries the power of faith. Through it, the risen Christ meets us just as He met Thomas — not with condemnation, but with compassion. "Peace be with you," He says. "Do not disbelieve, but believe."

Through His Word, Jesus breathes life into us. His forgiveness covers our doubt. His presence drives out fear. His victory over death becomes our victory. "By believing," John says, "you may have life in His name." This isn't just about eternal life someday — it's about real, full life right now. A life marked by peace instead of panic, by hope instead of despair, by grace instead of guilt.

Faith isn't a one-time event; it's a living, growing relationship with Jesus. So what's your next step in that relationship this week? Maybe it's spending time in His Word, letting those "written" promises sink in. Maybe it's sharing your story of faith with someone who's searching. Maybe it's simply praying, "Lord, help my unbelief." Whatever it looks like, remember: you're not walking alone. The same Jesus who showed His scars to Thomas still comes to you through His Word and His people—offering life in His name.