

05.18.22 – A Weekly Word for Covenant Church

Title: “Evidence that Demands a Response”

Scripture Reading: [John 20:30-31](#)

Reflection: Pastor Henry

Friends, why do you believe what you do about Jesus? How is it that you came to these beliefs? I don't know about you, but our text for this week has me asking myself these types of questions. Why do I believe what I believe about Jesus? And, what difference are these beliefs making in my life.

John, in this brief section of his gospel that we are reflecting on together this week, reminds us of three things. First, John reminds us that Jesus “...performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.” Second, John reminds us that he did record and share with us many of the signs and wonders that Jesus did perform in the presence of his disciples, just not all of them. Although John included many, there were many more that were not recorded in his gospel. Third, John reminds us that the signs and wonders he did include in his gospel were for a specific purpose. They were included for belief!

John includes the signs of Jesus in his gospel that he did so that people like you and like me “...may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John's desire is for us to see, hear, and experience the wide variety of different and amazing things that Jesus did for all kinds of different people so that we too will believe. John wants us to know about Jesus' ability to heal, restore, redeem, and even raise people from the dead so that we will believe he is the Messiah.

John wants us to know that Jesus healed all kinds of different people and that he can heal us. John wants us to know that Jesus restored all kinds of people and that he can restore us. John wants us to know that Jesus redeemed all sorts of different people and that he can redeem us. John wants us to know that Jesus resurrected people and that he can resurrect us. John wants us to know about all these things so that we too “may believe Jesus is the Son of God and that by believing we may have life in his name.”

So, what do you believe about Jesus?

Why do you believe what you believe about Jesus?

Is what you believe allowing you to receive and experience the life that Jesus came to offer?

Is there anything else that Jesus is calling out for you to believe and receive today?

Prayer:

Jesus, while you were here on earth, you did so many amazing things and you provided us with so many different signs so that we might believe that you are the Messiah and receive the life you came to offer. Jesus,

you still do so many amazing things and provide us with so many signs so that we might believe that you are the Messiah and receive the life you came to offer us. Jesus, help us believe you are the Messiah and receive the life you came to offer. AMEN.

Action Item for the Day/Week:

Identify some different experiences and events in your life when the identity and mission of Jesus became real...signs and wonders and events that enabled you to believe Jesus is who He says He is. Share one or more of these stories with someone. Pass them on to the rest of the world.

Songs for today:

[This I Believe](#)

[I Believe in Jesus](#)

[How Firm a Foundation](#)