

- As our understanding of Jesus increases, our response to Jesus must change.

John is an eyewitness to the life of Jesus.

The only question that really matters is who was Jesus?

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31

- Jesus isn't a random guy; He's the promised guy.
- Jesus didn't just claim to be the Messiah; He proved that He was the Messiah.

24 This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. John 21:24

When John is calling us to believe:

- It means we first acknowledge the truthfulness of a claim.

What it means to "believe" in Jesus:

We first accept what Jesus says about "truth".

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Matthew 24:35

- I put my confidence in Him and surrender myself to Him.
- When we accept that Jesus is truly God, we choose to anchor our lives according to His truth.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-5

Jesus is:

- Jesus is the Eternal Word.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. John 1:1-2

Jesus is God expressing Himself in flesh.

- Jesus is the Creator of all.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:3

For in him (*Jesus*) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:16

- Jesus is the Source of Life.

"In Him was life..." John 1:4a

"I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

- Jesus is the Light in our Darkness.

"...and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4b-5

- Jesus is the Overcomer.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

VISION:

**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

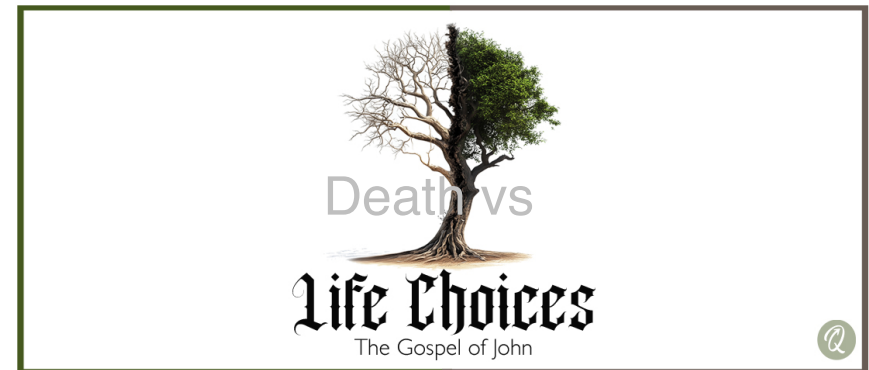
- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Has your response to Jesus changed as you've grown with Jesus? What are some ways your response has changed?
- Read John 20:30-31. In your own words, what is John saying is his purpose in writing this gospel?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is not a random guy but the promised guy?
- How did Jesus prove that He was the Messiah? Why is it important that we understand this?
- Talk about the points under the sub-heading: "What it means to believe in Jesus".
- How does our response to Jesus change when we accept that He is God? How does that response change us?
- Read John 1:1-5. What is John wanting us to understand from these five verses?
- Discuss the points under the sub-heading: "Jesus is:".
- How does believing in the deity of Jesus allow us to experience life from Jesus?

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