

BELIEVE

The Gospel of **John**

Belief and Unbelief

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, **23** and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. **24** So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” **25** Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, **26** but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:22-27



28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one.”

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. **32** Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?”

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34 Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? **35** If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— **36** do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? **37** If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me;

John 10:34–37



38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” **39** Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands. **40** He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. **41** And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” **42** And many believed in him there.

John 10:38-42



Two Points

1. Reasons for unbelief and belief
2. Benefits of belief

Solomon's Colonnade



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Acts 3:11

Acts 5:12

Reasons for unbelief and belief

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Doubters			
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4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Romans 2:4



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John 10:32b–33



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever."

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Is. 53:3-5



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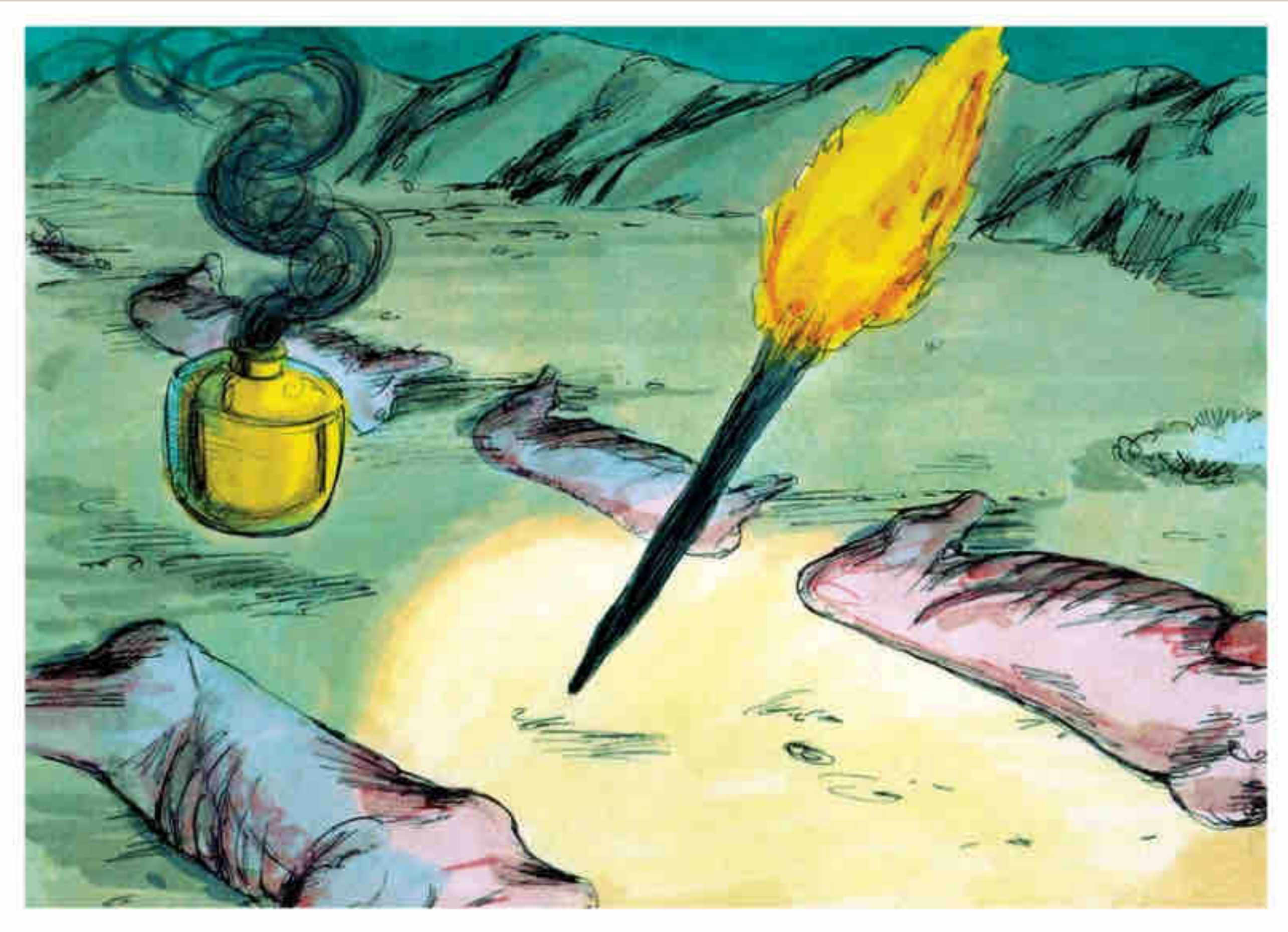
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No one will snatch them out of my hand	God has sealed his own covenant

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. **18** On that day the Lord made a covenant with

Gen. 15:17-18
Abraham...



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Response

1. Pray that God would work unbelief out of your heart
2. Pray that you could engage your unbelieving friends
3. Work the truth of the benefits of the gospel into you heart



