



**BELIEVE**

The Gospel of **John**

**Who do you say he is?**



7 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.  
2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. 3 So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." 5 For not even his brothers believed in him.

**John 7:1-24**



You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe  
—and shudder!

**James 2:19**



# Everyone is off about Jesus

Passage	Issue	Who
6:30	Will you perform a sign?	Crowd Following him around the lake
7:5	Brothers didn't believe	His Brothers
7:15	How does he have this learning?	Jewish leaders
7:31	Will the Christ do more than this?	Crowd
8:48	Do you have a demon?	"The Jews"
8:57	How have you seen Abraham?	"The Jews"

# Three Responses to Jesus

1. People who understand their need follow him - The people
2. People don't see their need are offended by him - Leaders
3. Some people are interested but scared - Nicodemus

6 Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come.” 9 After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

## **John 7:6-9**

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1. Love across the political divide with hugs, understanding and kindness. Focus on Jesus.
2. Go find someone with a confederate flag and get to know them, minister to their needs.
3. Pray that God sends someone who is transgender into your life, get to know them, minister to their needs.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' But when he heard it, he said, '**Those who are well have no need of a physician**, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice." For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.'

**Matt. 9:10-13**



10 But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. 11 The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, “Where is he?” 12 And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.” 13 Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

## **John 7:10–13**



14 About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. 15 The Jews therefore marveled, saying, “How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?” 16 So Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. 17 If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

## **John 7:14-17**



21 Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you all marvel at it. 22 Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. 23 If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? 24 Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

## **John 7:21-24**

"So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken."

**John 2:18-22**





And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, ...

**John 1:14**



And the Word became flesh and **[tabernacled]** among us, and we have seen his glory, ...

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## Words for dwell, live

Word	Translation	Number	Example
yāšhab	Dwell, Live	1088	Gen 4:20
κατοικέω	Dwell, live	45	Luke 11:26
κάθημαι	Sit, Dwell	91	John 6:3
ἐσκήνω	Dwell, Tabernacle	4	John 1:14

[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him, all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## **John 2:18-22**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

**Rev 21:3**

# Response

1. Who do you say he is?
2. “Yes!” I want more of this Jesus
3. You have been getting Jesus wrong and you need to follow him.



