

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
SO YOU MAY BELIEVE**

John 8:31-59

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John's One Goal – One Objective – One Mission

To help people _____ to faith in Jesus Christ

And continue to _____ in that faith

“The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue [come] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.” John 20:30-31

“You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings.”

John 8:31

Jesus makes clear the terms of discipleship:

- _____ to God's Word
“Faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.” Romans 10:17
- _____ from God's Word
“Look to God's instructions and teachings! People who contradict his word are completely in the dark.” Isaiah 8:20
- _____ to God's Word
“Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.” Joshua 1:8
- _____ God's Word
“Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.” James 1:22

True discipleship is not just listening to what Jesus says; it's doing it.

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32

Jesus – THE Truth – wants to set us free:

- From the _____ of sin
“Anyone who obeys my teaching will never die.” John 8:51
“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23
- From the _____ of sin
“Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.’” John 8:34
“We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.” Romans 6:6
- From the _____ of sin
“So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.” John 8:36
“Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.” Romans 6:16

Our spiritual credentials don't come from where or who we come from; they come from who we belong to.

“Jesus answered, ‘I tell you the truth, before Abraham was ever born, I AM.’” John 8:58

Just as the Jewish leaders were faced with choices about Jesus, so are we:

- Jesus is a _____
- Jesus is a _____
- Jesus is a _____
- Jesus is _____

THE QUESTION

Who do you say He is?