John’s Gospel Conclusion

LIFE IN HIS NAME

Key Verse: 20:31

“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.”

1. What are “But these”? Think about what John selectively wrote in his gospel (20:30; 21:25). Why did John write what he wrote? Of all that he wrote, what one thing stands out most to you?
2. What evidence or witnesses in John’s gospel do you remember which show that Jesus is the Messiah, promised in the Old Testament? [Consider: someone’s confession, a miraculous sign, fulfillment of a prophecy or OT type (exodus, Passover, manna, temple, healings, Shepherd, bronze snake, etc)]
3. What other evidence does John’s gospel give that Jesus is the divine Son of God? (Consider: the gospel's opening verses, Jesus’ claims regarding his “I am” statements, his relationship with the Father, his prayer, his resurrection, etc)
4. What does it mean to believe in Jesus (3:36; 5:24; 6:47,69)? Review some people in the gospel who believed in Jesus, how they expressed it, and the resulting fruit (e.g. Samaritan woman, royal official, Simon Peter, the man born blind, etc).
5. What does John mean by “have life” (see 3:16; 10:10; 16:24; 16:33; 17:3)? What does “in his name” mean (1:12; 14:13; 15:5)?