Believe:

Purpose: What does it mean to "Believe" and who believed that Jesus was the Christ and who did not? And what proof is there that some believed and some believed not?

The word "believe" (Greek: Pisteuo') is used 100 times in the New Testament book of John.

It means to trust; to give yourself. To step into Jesus with your whole heart.

But what might be the most compelling reason for us to believe is from someone who did not believe! So, how can we use scripture to help someone who does not believe?

<u>John 20:</u>25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will **not believe**.

Strong's Definitions G3756 où ou, oo; a primary word; the absolute negative (compare G3361) adverb; no or not:—+ long, nay, neither, never, no (X man), none, (can-)not, + nothing, + special, un(-worthy), when, + without, + yet but. See also G3364, G3372.

Many saw miracles and believed. But many saw the miracles and refused to believe.

Thomas was not at the house that Jesus came to meet the disciples. Thomas doubted the report that Jesus has resurrected. Hence the nickname "Doubting Thomas".

<u>Mat 9:28</u> And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, **Believe** ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

<u>Mar 9:23</u> Jesus said unto him, If thou canst **believe**, all things are possible to him that **believeth**.

<u>Mar 9:24</u> And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I **believe**; help thou mine **unbelief**.

<u>Luk 8:49</u> While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.

Luk 8:50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: **believe** only, and she shall be made whole.

- <u>Jhn 1:7</u> The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
- <u>Jhn 1:12</u> But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe** on his name:
- **Jhn 3:15** That whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- Jhn 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that **believeth** on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath **not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God
- <u>Jhn 20:25</u> The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will **not believe**.
- <u>Jhn 20:26</u> And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. **27** Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but **believing**.

 <u>28</u> And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. <u>29</u> Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast **believed**: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have **believed**.

Why This Gospel Was Written

- <u>Jhn 20:30</u> And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: <u>31</u> But these are written, that ye might **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.
- <u>Jhn 6:30</u> They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and **believe** thee? what dost thou work?
- <u>Jhn 6:36</u> But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and **believe** not.
- <u>Jhn 6:64</u> But there are some of you that **believe** not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.
- <u>Jhn 6:69</u> And we **believe** and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.
- **Jhn 7:5** For neither did his brethren **believe** in him.
- <u>Jhn 7:39</u> (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that **believe** on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

- <u>Jhn 8:24</u> I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye **believe** not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.
- <u>Jhn 8:45</u> And because I tell you the truth, ye **believe** me not.
- <u>Jhn 8:46</u> Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not **believe** me?
- <u>Jhn 11:23</u> Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.
- <u>Jhn 11:24</u> Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.
- <u>Jhn 11:25</u> Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that **believeth** in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
- <u>Jhn 11:26</u> And whosoever liveth and **believeth** in me shall never die. Believest thou this?
- <u>Jhn 11:27</u> She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I **believe** that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.
- <u>Jhn 11:40</u> Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest **believe**, thou shouldest see the glory of God?
- <u>Jhn 11:41</u> Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
- <u>Jhn 11:42</u> And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may **believe** that thou hast sent me.
- <u>Jhn 11:43</u> And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.
- <u>Jhn 11:44</u> And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.
- <u>Jhn 11:45</u> Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, **believed** on him.
- <u>Jhn 11:46</u> But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.
- <u>Jhn 11:47</u> Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.
- <u>Jhn 11:48</u> If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

- <u>Jhn 12:37</u> But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they **believed** not on him:
- <u>Jhn 12:38</u> That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- Jhn 12:39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again,
- Jhn 12:40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.
- <u>Jhn 12:41</u> These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.
- <u>Jhn 12:42</u> Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many **believed** on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue.
- <u>Jhn 12:43</u> For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.
- <u>Jhn 12:44</u> Jesus cried and said, He that **believeth** on me, **believeth not** on me, but on him that sent me.
- **Jhn 12:45** And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.
- <u>Jhn 12:46</u> I am come a light into the world, that whosoever **believeth** on me should not abide in darkness.
- Jhn 16:30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we **believe** that thou camest forth from God.
- **Jhn 16:31** Jesus answered them, Do ye now **believe**?
- <u>Jhn 16:32</u> Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.
- <u>Jhn 16:33</u> These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world
- <u>Act 8:37</u> And Philip said, If thou **believest** with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I **believe** that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- **Rom 6:8** Now if we be dead with Christ, we **believe** that we shall also live with him:
- **Rom 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

- **Rom 10:14** How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they **believe** in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
- **2Co 4:4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which **believe** not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
- **2Co 4:13** We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also **believe**, and therefore speak;
- <u>Gal 3:22</u> But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that **believe**.
- **Eph 1:19** And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who **believe**, according to the working of his mighty power,
- **PhI 1:29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to **believe** on him, but also to suffer for his sake;
- <u>1Ti 1:16</u> Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter **believe** on him to life everlasting.
- **1Ti 4:10** For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that **believe**.
- 2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.
- **Heb 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must **believe** that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- <u>1Jo 5:13</u> These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may **believe** on the name of the Son of God.