

BELIEVE

If John was left with one word to summarize the mission and core essence of his gospel, it would be *believe*. Ringing in at number four, *pisteuō* occurs an impressive 101 times in John – 40% of all references to this Greek word in the entire New Testament! Although you may have it memorized by now, refer back to John’s purpose statement in 20:30, 31. Remember that everything John records in this book is designed to bring his readers to *believe* in Jesus so that they “may have life in His name.” Jesus was a controversial figure for the Jews because He upset the status quo. God in the flesh is now among men – what will it take for people to *believe* in Him?

WORD	GREEK-R	TRANSLITERATION	OCCURRENCES	SUGGESTED SYMBOL
Believe	πιστευω	<i>pisteuō</i>	101	Believe

Marked:

My Mark:

John 1:7	the Light, so that all might	believe	through him.
John 1:12	of God, even to those who	believe	in His name,
John 1:50	you under the fig tree, do you	believe	? You will see greater things than
John 2:11	His glory, and His disciples	believed	in Him.
John 2:22	that He said this; and they	believed	the Scripture and the word which
John 2:23	Passover, during the feast, many	believed	in His name, observing His signs
John 2:24	But Jesus, on His part, was not	entrusting	Himself to them, for He knew all
John 3:12	you earthly things and you do not	believe	, how will you believe if I tell
John 3:12	you do not believe, how will you	believe	if I tell you heavenly things?
John 3:15	so that whoever	believes	will in Him have eternal life.
John 3:16	only begotten Son, that whoever	believes	in Him shall not perish, but have
John 3:18	“He who	believes	in Him is not judged; he who does
John 3:18	is not judged; he who does not	believe	has been judged already, because
John 3:18	already, because he has not	believed	in the name of the only begotten
John 3:36	“He who	believes	in the Son has eternal life; but
John 4:21	Jesus said to her, “Woman,	believe	Me, an hour is coming when neither
John 4:39	that city many of the Samaritans	believed	in Him because of the word of the

John 4:41	Many more	believed	because of His word;
John 4:42	because of what you said that we	believe	, for we have heard for ourselves
John 4:48	and wonders, you <i>simply</i> will not	believe	.”
John 4:50	“Go; your son lives.” The man	believed	the word that Jesus spoke to him
John 4:53	“Your son lives”; and he himself	believed	and his whole household.
John 5:24	you, he who hears My word, and	believes	Him who sent Me, has eternal life,
John 5:38	abiding in you, for you do not	believe	Him whom He sent.
John 5:44	“How can you	believe	, when you receive glory from one
John 5:46	“For if you	believed	Moses, you would believe Me, for
John 5:46	if you believed Moses, you would	believe	Me, for he wrote about Me.
John 5:47	“But if you do not	believe	his writings, how will you believe
John 5:47	his writings, how will you	believe	My words?”
John 6:29	is the work of God, that you	believe	in Him whom He has sent.”
John 6:30	a sign, so that we may see, and	believe	You? What work do You perform?
John 6:35	to Me will not hunger, and he who	believes	in Me will never thirst.
John 6:36	you have seen Me, and yet do not	believe	.
John 6:40	who beholds the Son and	believes	in Him will have eternal life, and
John 6:47	truly, I say to you, he who	believes	has eternal life.
John 6:64	there are some of you who do not	believe	.” For Jesus knew from the
John 6:64	who they were who did not	believe	, and who it was that would betray
John 6:69	“We have	believed	and have come to know that You are
John 7:5	For not even His brothers were	believing	in Him.
John 7:31	But many of the crowd	believed	in Him; and they were saying,
John 7:38	“He who	believes	in Me, as the Scripture said,
John 7:39	of the Spirit, whom those who	believed	in Him were to receive; for the
John 7:48	of the rulers or Pharisees has	believed	in Him, has he?
John 8:24	die in your sins; for unless you	believe	that I am <i>He</i> , you will die in your
John 8:30	spoke these things, many came to	believe	in Him.
John 8:31	was saying to those Jews who had	believed	Him, “If you continue in My word,
John 8:45	I speak the truth, you do not	believe	Me.

John 8:46	If I speak truth, why do you not	believe	Me?
John 9:18	The Jews then did not	believe	it of him, that he had been blind
John 9:35	and finding him, He said, "Do you	believe	in the Son of Man?"
John 9:36	, "Who is He, Lord, that I may	believe	in Him?"
John 9:38	And he said, "Lord, I	believe	." And he worshiped Him.
John 10:25	them, "I told you, and you do not	believe	; the works that I do in My
John 10:26	"But you do not	believe	because you are not of My sheep.
John 10:37	do the works of My Father, do not	believe	Me;
John 10:38	if I do them, though you do not	believe	Me, believe the works, so that you
John 10:38	though you do not believe Me,	believe	the works, so that you may know
John 10:42	Many	believed	in Him there.
John 11:15	I was not there, so that you may	believe	; but let us go to him."
John 11:25	resurrection and the life; he who	believes	in Me will live even if he dies,
John 11:26	and everyone who lives and	believes	in Me will never die. Do you
John 11:26	in Me will never die. Do you	believe	this?"
John 11:27	said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have	believed	that You are the Christ, the Son
John 11:40	"Did I not say to you that if you	believe	, you will see the glory of God?"
John 11:42	I said it, so that they may	believe	that You sent Me."
John 11:45	Mary, and saw what He had done,	believed	in Him.
John 11:48	Him go on like this, all men will	believe	in Him, and the Romans will come
John 12:3	a pound of very costly perfume of	pure	nard, and anointed the feet of
John 12:11	Jews were going away and were	believing	in Jesus.
John 12:36	"While you have the Light,	believe	in the Light, so that you may
John 12:37	before them, yet they were not	believing	in Him.
John 12:38	which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS	BELIEVED	OUR REPORT? And to whom has the
John 12:39	For this reason they could not	believe	, for Isaiah said again,
John 12:42	many even of the rulers	believed	in Him, but because of the
John 12:44	Jesus cried out and said, "He who	believes	in Me, does not believe in Me but
John 12:44	"He who believes in Me, does not	believe	in Me but in Him who sent Me.
John 12:46	the world, so that everyone who	believes	in Me will not remain in darkness.

John 13:19	that when it does occur, you may	believe	that I am <i>He</i> .
John 14:1	not let your heart be troubled;	believe	in God, believe also in Me.
John 14:1	be troubled; believe in God,	believe	also in Me.
John 14:10	“Do you not	believe	that I am in the Father, and the
John 14:11	“	Believe	Me that I am in the Father and the
John 14:11	the Father is in Me; otherwise	believe	because of the works themselves.
John 14:12	truly, I say to you, he who	believes	in Me, the works that I do, he
John 14:29	so that when it happens, you may	believe	.
John 16:9	sin, because they do not	believe	in Me;
John 16:27	you have loved Me and have	believed	that I came forth from the Father.
John 16:30	to question You; by this we	believe	that You came from God.”
John 16:31	answered them, “Do you now	believe	?
John 17:8	I came forth from You, and they	believed	that You sent Me.
John 17:20	alone, but for those also who	believe	in Me through their word;
John 17:21	be in Us, so that the world may	believe	that You sent Me.
John 19:35	the truth, so that you also may	believe	.
John 20:8	then also entered, and he saw and	believed	.
John 20:25	my hand into His side, I will not	believe	.”
John 20:27	it into My side; and do not be	unbelieving	, but believing.”
John 20:27	and do not be unbelieving, but	believing	.”
John 20:29	you have seen Me, have you	believed	? Blessed <i>are</i> they who did not
John 20:29	<i>are</i> they who did not see, and yet	believed	.”
John 20:31	have been written so that you may	believe	that Jesus is the Christ, the Son
John 20:31	Christ, the Son of God; and that	believing	you may have life in His name.

Study:

- 🔍 Compose three different lists for people and their levels of belief. Some immediately believe in Jesus, some reject Jesus, and others believe but are hesitant to express it due to fear (e.g. Nicodemus in 3:1; 19:39 – the parents of the blind man in 9:22, etc.).

People who immediately believe in Jesus:

People who immediately reject Jesus:

People who believe, but hesitate out of fear:

- 🔍 *Disciple (mathētēs)* occurs 81 times in John. Except for a few instances, *disciples* refers to the twelve men Jesus personally chose to walk with Him during His earthly ministry. If you'd like, mark this word and keep track of the disciples' *belief* in Christ. When is it strong? When is it weak? (See "Optional Words" for a suggested symbol.)

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