

# John 20:30-31 – Introduction Part I: ‘That You May Believe’

## 1. Authorship of John’s Gospel:

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ whom Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. –13:23; 20:2; 21:7, 20-24
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ the brother of James and the son of Zebedee:
  - i. He appears to be part of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ circle. –13:21-25; Matt 17:1
  - ii. He was on the boat \_\_\_\_\_ with Peter. –Matt 4:21; John 21:1-7
  - iii. His brother \_\_\_\_\_ had already been killed. –Acts 12:2
- c. The near universal testimony of the early \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Date of Writing John’s Gospel: around \_\_\_\_\_:

- a. Likely after Peter’s \_\_\_\_\_ in 65 AD. –21:18-19
- b. Late enough for the ‘\_\_\_\_\_’ about John to spread. –21:20-24
- c. Not Later than the \_\_\_\_\_ of the second century. (P.52)
- d. Church history and tradition holds that he wrote his gospel \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. Intended Recipients of John’s Gospel:

- a. Were largely unfamiliar with \_\_\_\_\_ language, geography, and customs. –1:38, 41-42; 4:9; 5:1-2; 6:1-4; 19:13, 17
- b. Had a competent grasp of the \_\_\_\_\_ . –1:1; 3:14; 12:37-41
- c. Had some familiarity with the gospel’s \_\_\_\_\_. –1:32, 40; 3:24; 11:2

## 4. Stated Purpose of John’s Gospel: John 20:30-31

- a. He carefully \_\_\_\_\_ his material from a far greater pool. –21:25
- b. He has highlighted \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus did. –2:11, 4:54; 11:47; 12:37
- c. He has done so that you might \_\_\_\_\_:
  - i. That Jesus is the Christ: \_\_\_\_\_ . –1:29, 35; 3:14; 4:42
  - ii. That Jesus is the Son of God: \_\_\_\_\_. –1:1-3; 5:17-18; 8:58; 20:28
  - iii. And that believing you may have \_\_\_\_\_ in His name:
    1. That you might \_\_\_\_\_ faith in Jesus. –1:12, 41, 45, 49; 3:16
    2. That you might \_\_\_\_\_ to believe. –8:30-44; 15:1-11

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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.