

“VOICE OF JOHN” SERIES

(Gospel of John, 1st John, 2nd John, 3rd John, Revelation)

JUST LIKE LIFE AND LOVE ITSELF, JESUS IS THE VERY BEGINNING AND ENDING OF YOUR INTENDED STORY

study #4:

Which Kind of Belief is YOURS?

— covering **John chpts. 10-12** —

ACTION 1. In last week’s final story, it seemed hilarious that the religious rulers **would not even believe the PROOFS about Jesus** that were happening before their very eyes. At the same time, the religious rulers could not understand why huge crowds of people were being drawn to Jesus and his amazing teachings instead of being drawn to them. Read **John 10:1-14** and then re-describe in your own words what Jesus is saying here.

ACTION 2. **Chapter 11** tells about a family of 3 siblings (Mary, Martha, Lazarus) who were very close to Jesus. Lazarus got terribly sick, and Jesus showed up just after Lazarus had died. As you read **John 11:14-53**, notice **different people’s different levels of “belief” about Jesus**, and then discuss:

- How would you describe both the differences and the similarities of “belief in Jesus” that these 3 personalities displayed: Thomas, Martha, and Mary...what was each of their belief like?
- MARY especially seems to have been a major influencer in her community (**vv. 19,45,46**), and many people either flocked to *her* side of thinking, or to that of the religious Council; how would you describe the Council’s thoughts and discussion about Jesus (**vv.47-53**)... what stands out to you about their ideas?

ACTION 3. Read **John 12:1-9** and also **20-28** and then afterwards **describe the SINCERITY or the HONORABILITY** that is displayed by each of these folks mentioned in this chapter: Mary (v.3), Judas (v.4), the crowd (v.9), the priests (v.10), foreigners (v.20), Jesus (v.23)

EXTRA... FOR THOSE MOTIVATED, DEVOTED, & WITH SOME SELF-COMMAND:

GOLD CHALLENGE ...read ahead (& maybe journal about) for next study: **John 13-17**

PENGUIN CHALLENGE ... read **GC** + Torah-Law during series: **Gen 37-50** (*Epic #3 of 3: Joseph*)