

WHO DO YOU BELIEVE?

Introduction / Context: In verses 31-36 John is summarizing the contents of this chapter

Verse 31a points back to verse 3

Verse 31b points back to verse 13

Verse 32 points back to verse 11

Verse 33 points back to verse 17

Verse 36 points back to verse 18

Who is Jesus and why should we believe Him?

1. Because Jesus is Uniquely Different

A) Jesus (John 3:31a)

> His origin – from above

> His nature – above all

B) All others (John 3:31b)

> Their origin – of the earth

> Their nature – speak as one of the earth

C) What Jesus has seen and heard he testifies of (John 3:32a)

> If you really want to know what life is about and what God is up to – listen to Jesus!
(John 1:1-3; 8:53-58)

> What is amazing is that in spite of His unique authority, no one receives His testimony
(John 3:32b)

2. Because Jesus speaks the Words of God (John 3:33-34)

A) The one who has received His testimony certifies that God is true (John 3:33)

> The word for certifies is interesting

Probably referring to John the Baptist's testimony (John 1:29-34; 3:28-30)

B) Jesus speaks the words of God (John 3:34a)

> The prophets of God could speak the word of God but only as God revealed it

They didn't always understand what they spoke (Matthew 11:1-3)

> When Jesus speaks it is different

He speaks with a unique authority – He always speaks God’s words because He is God

He speaks with an absolutely perfect perspective

C) God has given Jesus the Spirit without measure (John 3:34b)

> This is a unique truth about the ministry of Jesus Christ

In His humanity He walks within those limitations empowered by the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is given to Jesus without limit (2 Peter 1:20-21)

3. Because Jesus has been given authority over all of creation

A) God the Father loves Jesus (John 3:35a)

> Remember the testimony given by the Father?

At Jesus’ baptism (Matthew 3:17)

On the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-5)

B) God the Father has given all things into His hand (John 3:35b)

> Jesus has been given the authority to judge the earth (John 5:19-23)

4. Because our response to Jesus determines our eternal destiny

A) The impact of believing in the Son of God (John 3:36a)

> Has everlasting life

> What does believing on the Son entail?

B) The impact of not believing the Son (John 3:36b)

> That person shall not see life (John 5:28-29)

> The wrath of God abides on them (Revelation 20:11-15)

* Jesus came to make it possible for sinners to be delivered from the wrath to come.