

Getting Out the Word: John 20:30-31

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A Personal Introduction and Introduction to our Ministry

Introduction to the Message

Martin Luther Timeline:

1517:

1518:

1519:

How did his message spread so rapidly?

John's Gospel in the Early Church

1. What John's Gospel Is about (its meaning)

2. How the Church Spread that Message

1. What John's Gospel Is About

John 20:30-31 is the purpose statement for John's Gospel

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John 20:30-31a: John selected certain signs [eight of them]: 2

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| 1 Water to wine (2:1-11) | 5 Walk on water (6:15-21) |
| 2 Heal from afar (4:46-54) | 6 Heal man born-blind (9:1-12) |
| 3 Heal lame man (5:1-15) | 7 Raise Lazarus (11:38-44) |
| 4 Feed 5000 (6:1-14) | 8 Cross & Resurr. (18-19; 2:18-21) |

Eighth Sign = Cross + Resurrection (John 2:18-21; John 18-19)

18 "What miraculous sign do You show us, since You do these things?"

19 "Destroy this sanctuary and I will raise it up in three days!"

21 But He was talking about the sanctuary of His body.

23 Many believed in His Name when they observed the miraculous signs He was performing at the Passover festival.

They demand a sign (v 18), but He was already doing signs (v 23).

The sign showing His right to cleanse Temple is cross (destroy this sanctuary) and resurrection (I will raise it in three days).

The cross + resurrection together constitute the eighth sign

John 20:31 says that the Original Readers Were Unbelievers 3

These [eight signs] 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.

The readers (YOU) have not yet believed, and
The readers (YOU) do not yet have life in Christ's name.

John's Gospel is the only NT book written to unbelievers

John 20:31: What is John's Purpose for Signs?

- (a) These [eight signs] are written
- (b) so that **YOU** may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
- (c) and that by believing **YOU** may have life in His name.

He (a) wrote signs, so they (b) would believe, so believers (c) would have life. The ultimate purpose for signs (a + c) underlined: these signs are written so that those who believe would have life.

John 20:31b Is Paralleled by John 11:27

that you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (20:31)

I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God... (11:27)

John 11:25-27: Defining believing Jesus is Christ, God's Son 4

I am the Resurrection	and [I am] the Life
He who believes in Me, even if he <u>dies [physically]</u> , will <u>live [physically]</u> .	and everyone who <u>lives [eternally]</u> and believes in Me will never <u>die [eternally]</u> .

"Do you believe [all of] this?"

"Yes, Lord, "I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God."

Jesus is both the Resurrector and the Life-giver.
The chart's left side explains Resurrection; the right is Life.
Left: Giving physical life after physical death is resurrection.

Right: Never dying eternally because of living eternally is life.

Jesus asked Martha if she believed all of this.

She said that she did, because as Messiah and God's Son, no one would be in His kingdom w/o resurrection & eternal life.

Suitcoat Illustration: Believe His promise of eternal life to us

2. Church has always sacrificed to spread Word. So should we
Spread *Living Waters* widely in a lost and dying world