



TALK IT OVER

The Belief Paradigm

BOTTOM LINE

First century followers of Jesus trusted in Him because of the evidence.

CONVERSATION STARTER

If you got something spiritual tattooed on your body in 2022, what would it be and why? What's the longest time you ever went without sleep? Why did you do it?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Portrayal of the water to wine miracle](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded... These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31 NIV

This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him. John 2:11 NLT

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 NIV

Religious faith and belief are often divorced from reason and confused with hope.

“The reason so many people are easily talked out of Christianity is because they were never talked into it in the first place.” – Frank Turek

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How do you see the confusion about what it means to believe? How have you experienced confirmation bias in your own journey? Do you believe in Jesus because of evidence or blind choice? What evidence is impactful to you? “There is a big difference between BY faith and BECAUSE of faith.” Discuss. John builds a powerful case for belief: Events > Signs > Evidence > Belief > Trust. Did you do that? Could you share the evidence with friends? Why or why not? The purpose of miracles is always to be a sign pointing to the reliability of Jesus. How could/should that impact our prayers and response to answered prayer?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will actively consider and share the evidence for Jesus from the eyewitness accounts in John and have a faith with reason to share.

My Action Step: _____

