

## Why Is The Evidence Rejected?

John 12:37 “But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they believed not on him”

## Evidence

- John 2:1-11 Changed water to wine
- John 4:46-54 Healing of Nobleman's son 20 miles away.
- John 5 Healing of the afflicted man who had been infirm thirty-eight years.
- John 6 Feeding of the five thousand.
- John 6 Walking on the water.
- John 9 Healing of the blind man.
- John 11 Raising of Lazarus. cf. John 12:9-11

## Faith that God Exists is Based on Evidence – *Hebrews 11:1,6*

- The evidence of the material world, *Hebrews 11:3; Romans 1:20*
  - Evidence is before us, *Isaiah 40:25-26*
  - “Things that are made” *Psalms 19:1*
- The evidence of Jesus, *1 John 1:1-4*

## Evidence Includes...

- Works of Jesus *John 5:36-47*
- Words of Jesus *John 7:46*
- Sinless life of Jesus *2 Corinthians 5:21*

## Must Consider Jesus

*John 12:44-48*

- “We have found the Messiah” (*John 1:41, 45*)
- “Lord, who has believed our report?” (*John 12:38*)
- Why do people refuse to believe that Jesus is the Son of God? (*John 1:11; Romans 10:16-17*)

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- It does not agree with human wisdom, *1 Corinthians 1:21-25; 2:1-5, 6*
  - Pride, *Psalms 10:4; Proverbs 14:12 (28:26)*
  - God is excluded from their consideration, *Romans 1:22, 28*

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- It means there is an objective standard of truth & morality to which one is obligated, *John 14:6 (1:1, 14)*
  - Jesus is absolute truth, *John 12:46*
  - Walk in His light, *1 John 1:6ff*
  - Love darkness, *John 3:19-21*

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- Unwillingness to do what He says, *John 7:16-17*
  - Jesus demands a decision
  - Cannot encounter Jesus & remain neutral, *Matthew 12:30*
  - Stubbornness prevents faith (*Acts 26:9*)

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- It is not what some have always believed, *John 1:45-46; cf. Galatians 1:13ff*
  - To believe the gospel is an admission of being wrong in the past
  - To believe in Jesus one must admit past error & sin (*Luke 13:5; Acts 20:21; 1 Timothy 1:12-17*)

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- They think they are condemning their loved ones, *John 3:16-18; cf. Gal. 1:13ff*
  - Jesus does not make anyone a sinner, *Romans 5:12; Romans 6:16-18*

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- Because of what others will say or do, *John 12:42-43 (16:1-2)*
  - Afraid of men, *John 9:16-22*
  - Fear & trust God! *Matthew 10:27-33*
    - Lord will not leave you, *Hebrews 13:5-6*
    - Lord will deliver you, *2 Timothy 4:16-18*

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## Jesus of Nazareth

- Who is this Son of Man? *John 12:34*
- Do you believe in the Son of God? *John 9:35-38*
- Will you believe the report? *John 12:37-38*
  - If not, why not?
  - If you do, obey Him now! *John 12:48-50*

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