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HAVE LIFE

A STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

women's
BIBLE STUDY



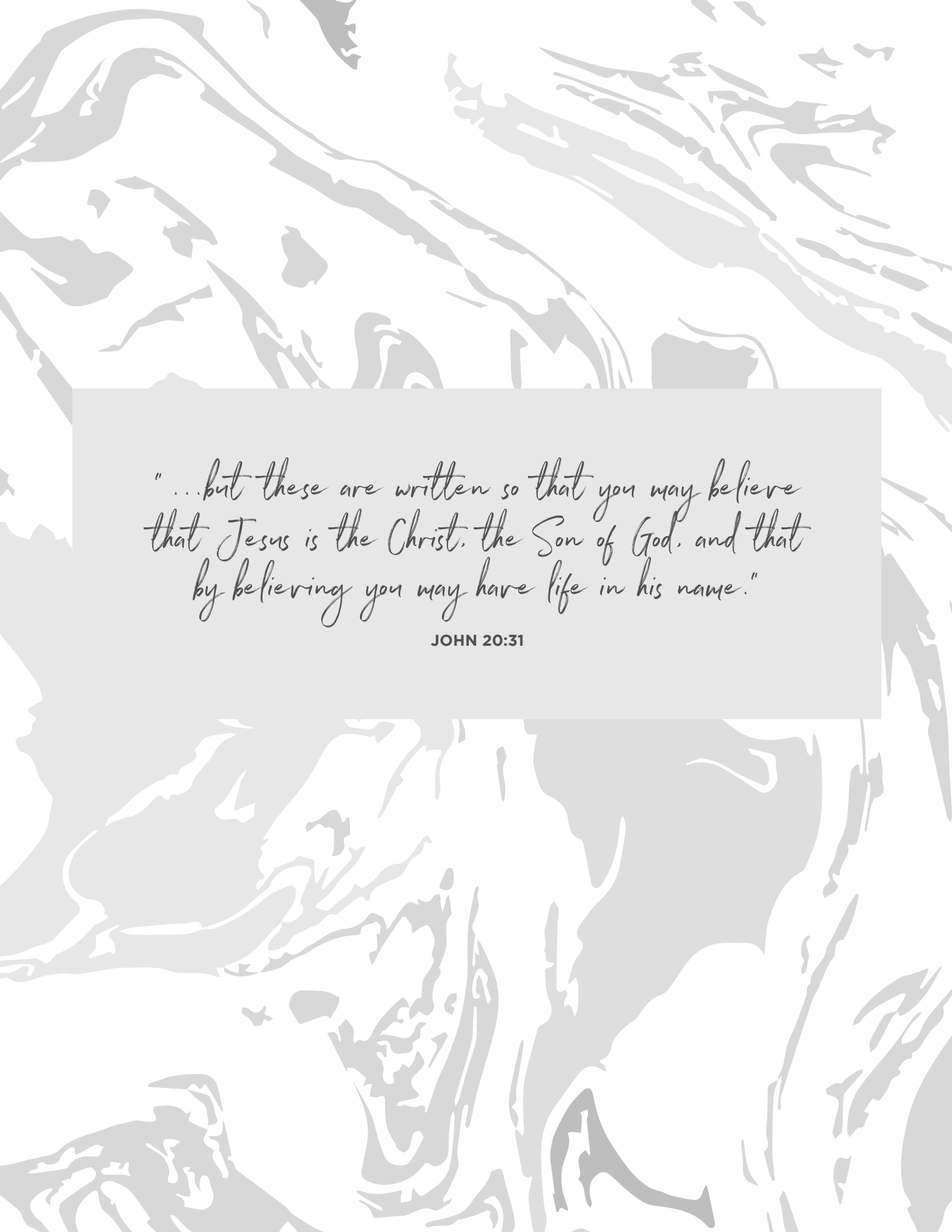
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"...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

JOHN 20:31

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Welcome! We are so glad you are joining us for the study of John. As you dig into God's Word, we hope it will come alive in ways you may have never expected. Scripture is living and active, able to transform hearts and minds. As you participate in the disciplined study of the Bible, God will graciously reveal Himself to you. As you get to know Him in a more intimate way, you will walk in greater confidence and be strengthened in your relationship with the almighty God.

Our mission is for women "to become fully devoted followers of Christ through the study of God's Word and its application to our lives." Our prayer is that **JOHN: That You May Have Life** will be life changing and heart transforming. Above all, we pray you will come to better know the all-consuming love of our heavenly Father. We are overjoyed to study God's Word with you.

Tips for Success

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY:

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
(Romans 12:2)*

We don't study the Bible to become smarter sinners. Rather we study to be transformed into the image of Christ by renewing our minds through God's Word and His Spirit. This study will guide you through the Bible by asking questions that will help you observe, interpret, and then apply what you learn to your life.

- **Observation questions** help you identify the who, what, when, where, and why of the passage so that you will better understand what the passage says.
- **Interpretation questions** help you to discover universal truths about God, His commands or promises, man, sin, as well as examples to follow or not to follow so that you will better understand what the passage means.
- **Application questions** lead you to think about how you can apply the passage and integrate what you have learned into your circumstances, thoughts, relationships, and decisions.

The “Big Idea” section at the end of each lesson is a space for you to reflect on the primary thing God taught you through the passage.

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE:

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

Pray: As you open God's Word ask Him to help you better understand what He is communicating through His Word. Pray that this would not just be a time of going through God's Word but that His Word would instead go through you, renewing your mind and transforming your heart.

Remember: We study the Word of God to get to know the God of the Word. The goal is not to be able to get the “right answer” for your Bible study, but rather to better know God and live differently in light of the Bible.

Read the Whole Passage First: Start by reading the passage through in its entirety before answering any questions. Highlight repeated words or phrases and note transitional words such as “therefore,” “yet,” or “so then” to better grasp what the author is saying.

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Below are some helpful resources to aid you in studying the Bible:

- **ESV.org:** a free English Standard Version (ESV) translation of the Bible. This study is written using the ESV translation. If you are using another translation, some words may be slightly different than those found in the study.
- **net.bible.org:** an online Bible with commentary written by Dr. Thomas Constable.
- **gotquestions.org:** a wealth of information answering questions about God, the Bible, and theology.
- **bible.org:** a great source of articles from various authors.
- **biblegateway.org:** an online Bible with many different translations available.
- **Study Appendix:** There is an appendix in the back of this study that includes further information on key doctrines and central truths revealed throughout the Scripture we are studying. To best utilize this tool, look for questions that say: “See Appendix.”

Lastly, remember that we have an enemy who does not want our relationship with God to grow (John 10:10). Therefore, expect distractions and excuses about why you don't have time to study God's Word and ask Him to help you persevere; it is worth it!

INTRODUCTION TO

John

Author:

The Gospel of John is widely believed to be written by the Apostle John. He is affectionately known in his own Gospel as the disciple whom Jesus loved. John was called by Jesus as one of the 12 apostles, was witness to His death and resurrection, and lived the rest of his days proclaiming the truth of Christ. This is John's story about Jesus, the Son of God, who came to save the world.

Purpose:

The purpose of this Gospel is found in John 20:30-31, which says, **“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these 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.”** Simply put, John's purpose in writing is to provoke belief, a saving belief in Jesus that brings people from death to an abundant life in and with Him.

“John's purpose is not academic. He writes in order that men and women may believe certain propositional truth, the truth that the Christ, the Son of God, is Jesus, the Jesus whose portrait is drawn in this Gospel. But such faith is not an end in itself. It is directed toward the goal of personal, eschatological salvation: that by believing you may have life in his name. That is still the purpose of this book today, and at the heart of the Christian mission.” – D. A. Carson¹

Date:

The Gospel of John was likely penned between A.D. 80-95, though this is widely debated. It is thought to be the latest of all the gospel accounts, having very little content overlap with the books of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Theme:

Jesus came for a reason. In John 10:10, Jesus says, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” He came not only to offer you salvation from death or an escape from hell, but to give you an eternal, rich, and joyful life that begins here on earth the moment you first believe. This is why Jesus came: “That you may have life.”

Unique Features:

Jesus made seven “I Am” statements throughout John's Gospel, proclaiming who He is and why He came. They include:

- I am the bread of life (John 6:35, 48).
- I am the light of the world (John 8:12).
- I am the door of the sheep (John 10:7).
- I am the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14).
- I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25).
- I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).
- I am the true vine (John 15:1, 5).

- Jesus also performed seven distinct signs, revealing His power and authority over different areas of life. They include:
 - Turning water into wine (John 2).
 - Healing the official's son (John 4).
 - Healing the invalid (John 5).
 - Feeding the 5,000 (John 6).
 - Walking on water (John 6).
 - Healing the blind man (John 9).
 - Raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11).

Reflection Questions:

1. As you think about this study, where do you hope to grow? What do you hope to get out of it?

2. Consider your relationship with God right now. How does this relationship bring you joy? What are some current challenges you are experiencing with Him?

3. What are your current barriers to spending time with God? What steps can you take today to make sure those do not hinder your study of His Word?

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<i>Author</i>	THE APOSTLE JOHN		
<i>Theme</i>	"THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE"		
<i>Chapters</i>	CHAPTER 1: PROLOGUE	CHAPTERS 2-12: BOOK OF SIGNS	CHAPTERS 13-21: BOOK OF GLORY
<i>Key Verse</i>	JOHN 20:30-31		