

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Themes in the Gospel of John. Today's topic: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

1) The prophetic witness of Abraham

- a. John 8:56 What was the testimony of Jesus regarding a revelation given to Abraham?
- b. When did that revelation occur? Genesis 12:3, 18:17-18, 22:13-18
- c. What New Testament writings confirm the revelation given to Abraham about Jesus the Messiah? Matthew 1:1, Acts 3:25-26, etc.

2) The witness of Mary

- a. John 12:1-3 Why did Mary anoint the feet of Jesus with an expensive ointment?
- b. How did Jesus respond when some of those present criticized Mary's act of devotion? John 12:4-8
- c. What were some other ways Mary demonstrated her faith in Jesus as Messiah? Luke 10:39, John 11:32
- d. What are some ways we can express our love for Jesus as our Messiah?

3) The reluctant witness of Pontius Pilate

- a. John 18:38, 19:4 What can we conclude from the testimony of Pilate regarding Jesus?
- b. What special revelation was given to Pilate regarding Jesus? Matthew 27:19
- c. How do you explain the actions of Pilate in the light of his testimony and the special revelation given to him? John 19:1,16

- d. What additional witness was given by Pilate during the crucifixion of Jesus? John 19:19-22
- e. What lessons can we learn from the reluctant witness of Pontius Pilate?

4) The witness of Thomas

- a. Why did Thomas struggle to believe that Jesus was risen from the dead? John 20:19-24
- b. John 20:25-26 What can we learn about Thomas from these two verses?
- c. How did Jesus encourage this struggling disciple? John 20:27
- d. What are your thoughts about the testimony of Thomas and the response of Jesus? John 20:28-29
- e. What encouragement do you find in this story for your life today?

5) The witness of the apostle John

- a. What testimony did the apostle John give at the conclusion of his Gospel account? John 20:30-31
- b. What stories in John's Gospel impress you the most that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?
- c. What is your testimony about Jesus?
- d. What are some ways you are sharing your testimony about Jesus with those around you?

