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BAPTIST CHURCH

Reasons to Believe

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John 20:30-31

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“the Christ” = Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed Savior, and the fulfillment of all of the Old Testament prophecies.

“the Son of God” = Jesus is God.

“believe” = It’s more than just believing facts. It’s personal faith.
“Believe” is a verb here, not a noun.

1. Believe the _____.

- Isaiah 7:14 (735 B.C.) Messiah will be born of a virgin.
- Matthew 1:18-25 Jesus’ mother was a virgin.
- Micah 5:2 (715 B.C.) Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.
- Matthew 2:1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- Zechariah 9:9 (520 B.C.) Messiah will enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey.
- Matthew 21:1-10 Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey.

2. Believe the _____.

- Jesus turns water into wine at a wedding (John 2)
- Jesus heals the Nobleman’s son (John 4)

- Jesus heals a paralyzed man (John 5)
- Jesus miraculously feeds the 5000 (John 6)
- Jesus walks on the water (John 6)
- Jesus heals a man blind from birth (John 9)
- Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11)

3. Believe the _____.

4. Believe in the _____.

“That is to say, the faith which brings life to the soul is faith in the person, offices, nature, and work of Jesus; and though you may be in the dark about a thousand things, and may make mistakes about ten thousand more, yet if you believe in the Messiah, the Son of God, you have eternal life.”

- Charles Spurgeon