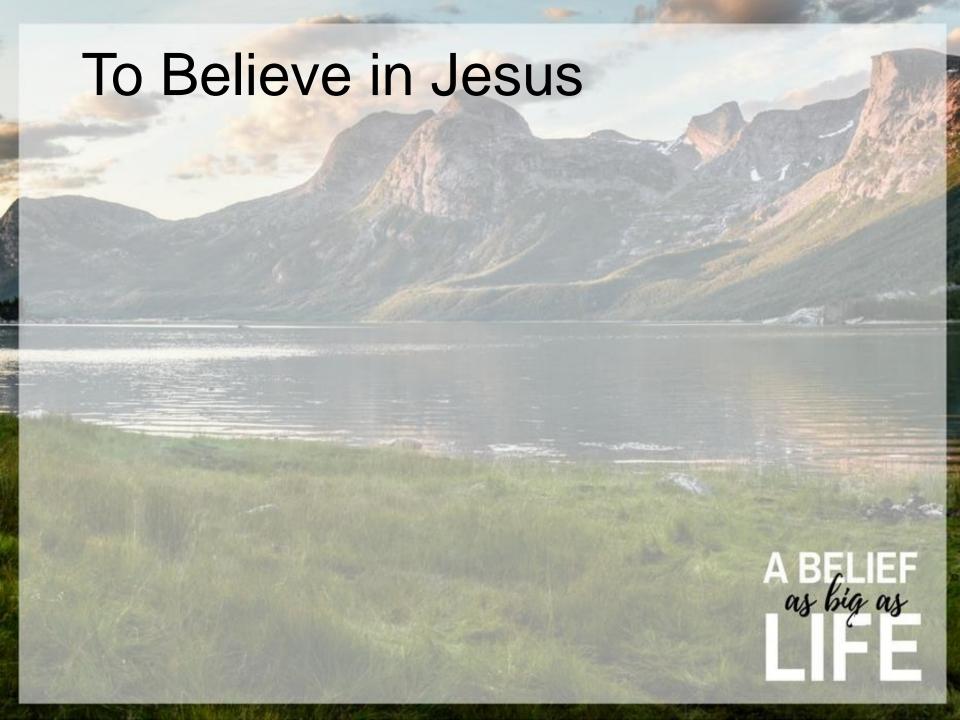
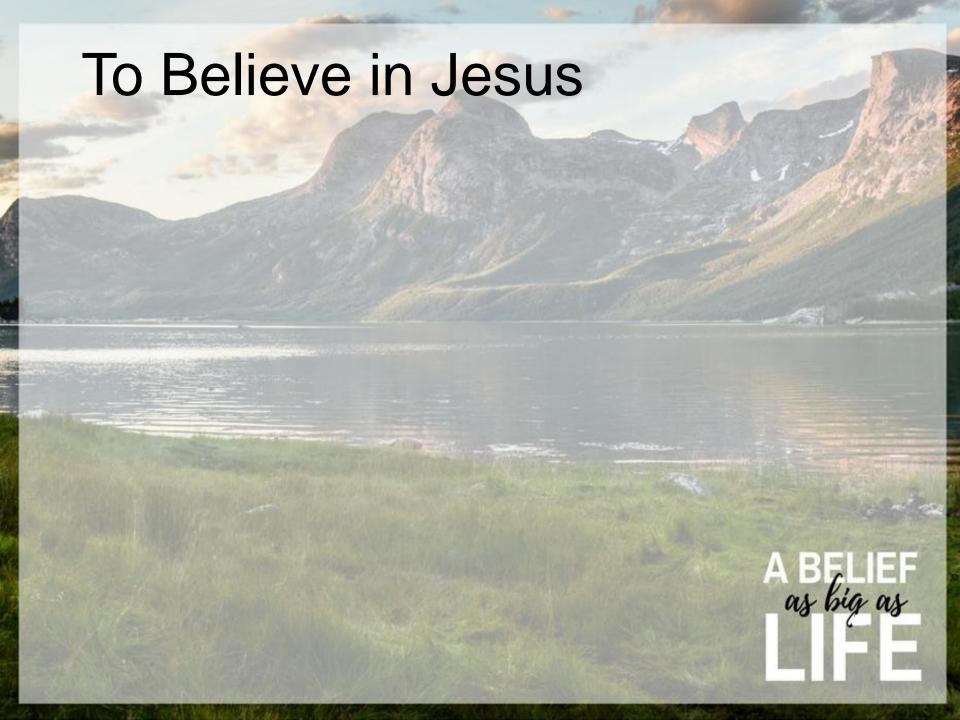


What does it mean to be a Christian?



To Believe in Jesus

"To all who did receive him (Jesus), who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,"



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But what, specifically, do I need to believe about Jesus in order to become God's child and not just an interested observer?

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Why would Jesus do that?



Love

"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

-- Romans 5:8

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In Submission to the Father

"And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."



Jesus Lived My Sin Bodily

"For our sake (God) made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.."

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"Christ also suffered for you...,
He himself bore our sins in his body
on the tree, that we might die to sin
and live to righteousness. By his
wounds you have been healed."

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"God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement... He did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."

-- Romans 3:25-26

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