



YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES

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JOHN 20:30-31 NKJV – (30) And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **(31)** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

This verse alludes to those unmentioned details. John's gospel was written well after the other three, which is one reason he skips over certain details to add his own. Each writer has a purpose, and each passage is meant to convey certain ideas. John's choice of what to include, or exclude, is based on that purpose. Here, he notes there are many things which he *could have* written but did not. Some of that is a matter of limited space (**John 21:25**). The rest is about maintaining the book's purpose.

In verse **(31)**, John will explicitly explain the ultimate purpose of his choices: to focus on Jesus as the Messiah, and God, so those who read will accept Him as Savior.

This book chooses certain points to complement those found in the other writings. When John writes his letters, now known as **1 John**, **2 John**, and **3 John**, and his **Revelation**, the same theme will apply. The purpose of Scripture is to reveal these crucial truths (**2 Timothy 3:16**) so disciples can have an objective source of godly wisdom (**1 Corinthians 4:6**).

ON BEHALF OF SOHLMEDITATIONS WEEKLY MINISTRIES,

“MERRY CHRISTMAS.”

SCRIPTURE READING: **LUKE 2:8-20**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: God is an unspeakable joy and full of Glory!