

“The hypothesis that the Apostles were knaves is quite absurd. Follow it out to the end and imagine these...men meeting after Jesus’s death and conspiring to say that he had risen from the dead. This means attacking all the powers that be. The human heart is singularly susceptible to fickleness, to change, to promises, to bribery. One of them had only to deny his story under these inducements, or still more because of possible imprisonment, tortures and death, and they would all have been lost. Follow that out....I only believe histories whose witnesses are ready to be put to death.”

— *Mathematician Blaise Pascal (1623–1662)*

THE GOSPEL

— *according to* —

JOHN

*Scripture Reading*

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JOHN 20

## The Main Point of John 20

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2. You must personally choose to “believe” Jesus (verses 30–31).

Is it possible to have a life-changing relationship  
with someone you've never seen?



“Blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have believed.”

— *John 20:29*