

And truly
Jesus did
many other
signs . . .
which are
not written
in this book;

the big picture

evangelism and belief 5

in the four Gospels

but these are
written that
you may
believe that
Jesus is the
Christ, the
Son of God,

Mark the lines below as correct (C), incorrect (X), or partly correct (▲).

A	() Believing in Jesus is mentioned more often in John than in the other Gospels.
A-1	() There are only a few chapters in John in which believing is never directly mentioned.
A-2	() Jesus' famous interaction with the woman at the well (ch. 4) is not in the other Gospels.
A-3	() Jesus' evangelistic interaction with the man born blind (ch. 9) is not in the other Gospels.
A-4	() Belief or unbelief are mentioned more times in John than in the other Gospels combined.
A-5	() From beginning (1:11-12) to end (20:30-31), John's Gospel is about believing in Jesus.
A-6	() The restoration of Thomas' faith (ch. 20) is not mentioned in the other Gospels.
A-7	() Jesus used the true vine analogy (John 15:1-11) to stress living by faith.
A-8	() False belief is never mentioned in John (6:14-15, 6:60-66, 12:42-43).
A-9	() Believing in the deity of Jesus (the Word) is emphasized in John.
B	() Believing in Jesus is an important theme in all four Gospels.
B-1	() Peter's confession of faith is found in Mat. 16:16, Mk. 8:29, Lk. 9:20, and John 6:68-69.
B-2	() Truly following Jesus includes having faith in him (Mat. 19:16-26, Mk. 10:17-22, Lk. 18:18-23).
B-3	() Luke chapter 15 is about repentance and salvation, even though faith isn't directly mentioned.
B-4	() Repenting (in the Synoptics) and believing (in John's Gospel) both involve the mind and the will.
B-5	() Truly believing involves repenting (John 4:39), and truly repenting involves believing (Mk. 1:15).
B-6	() The Great Commission is in all four Gospels (Mat. 28:18-20, Mk. 16:15, Lk. 24:46-48, John 20:21).
B-7	() The former Gadarene demoniac(s) truly believed in Jesus (Mk. 5:18-20, Lk. 8:38-39).
B-8	() John probably did not expect evangelists to use his Gospel more than the others.
B-9	() Believing in Jesus as Lord and Savior is stressed in Mark 9:17-29.
C	() The Gospels (and Acts) show us how to proclaim the gospel.
C-1	() Jesus and John the Baptist both preached about sin and judgement.
C-2	() The gospel message is more clear in John's Gospel than in the other three.
C-3	() In Acts, Peter, Stephen, Philip, and Paul clearly proclaimed the gospel message.
C-4	() The Lord's death and resurrection are emphasized in all four Gospels (1 Cor. 15:1-6).
C-5	() There are many invitations (Mat. 4:19, 8:22, 11:28-30, Mk. 2:14, 10:21, Lk. 9:59, John 7:37).
C-6	() The main purpose of all four Gospels was and still is for use in evangelism (Mat. 28:18-20).
C-7	() Since John's Gospel does not directly mention repentance, it is not necessary to speak about it.

Answers: Most lines are correct or partly correct, but line A-8 is clearly in error. In addition, lines A-5, B-9, C-2, C-6, and C-7 are questionable. Some may object to line A-5 because believing is not directly mentioned in John chapter 21. Line B-9 is may incorrect because Mark 9:17-29 is more about believing in Jesus' power to heal than in his atonement. Line C-2 is highly questionable for various reasons, including the fact that repenting and believing go together. (See correct line B-5.) There is a problem with line C-6 because making disciples involves more than evangelism. Finally, although some claim that line C-7 is correct, by doing so they wrongly question the usefulness of the other three Gospels. (Again, see correct line B-5.)