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Reading: John ch 20 v 30-31

These words are very important.

The public life of the Lord Jesus Christ was very brief. Only about three and a half years but what a full life. He was always on the move, in great demand. He went about proclaiming Gods word. The four gospels were written by four writers which only tell us a small amount of what the Lord did, John 21:25.

There was an immeasurable fulness linked with His life.

When He spoke there was power in His words, there was wisdom, grace and power seen in ever act He carried out.

The design of all scripture is that we may believe. It was not written that we would know about Him and His deeds but we are told to believe - To have faith in Him, to put our confidence in Him. We are to believe what He says and put it into practice in our lives. To exercise faith and truly believe. He was the perfect example. He taught us how to live and how to die. No text in the Bible was created to cause doubt.

God gave His word of assurance to Adam regarding the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The devil however cast doubts on the words of God and it let to Eve being deceived. No scripture was written to encourage doubt, that comes from the devil or from within. If you listen to sceptics and agnostics they will attempt to cast doubt in your mind.

The other writers of the Bible had the same motive as the apostle John, that we might believe. The apostle Paul's writings are there to exalt the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Old Testament is full of history and prophesy regarding the mind of God but all scripture is there that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ.

The scriptures were not written to magnify the writer. There are over 40 writers of the bible. John was very well fitted to give an account of the Lords life but he leaves out certain events that others record, such as the Mount of transfiguration other than the words, "We beheld His glory ... full of grace and truth" (John 1:14) which may or may not refer to that occasion.

The Spirit of God moved John to write what he wrote.

Why were the scriptures written?

The scriptures are not written to impart knowledge but to establish that "Jesus is the Christ". The name Jesus means Saviour. Before His birth, Mary and Joseph were told separately, "thou shall call His name Jesus" (Matt 1:21; Luke 1:31).

Christ means anointed. He is the anointed Saviour from God. He comes with the authority of God to deliver men from sin. He is man and God. He is the only begotten Son of God: "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God" (John 1:1). You cannot separate the divinity from the humanity of the son of God.

There are many religions, cults and sects that believe their way is correct.

"What think ye of Christ? Whose son is He?" (Matt. 22:42)

"The Lord said unto my lord, sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet" (Psalm 110:1)

The Lord came that we might have life, eternal life: a life that never dies.

Adam broke communion with God when He sinned: "As by one man sin entered and death through sin" (Romans 5:12). From that time, because of sin, no one can meet God's demands, so God has provided an answer: "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb 11:6); of the Lord, He says, "once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb 9:26). "If we confess our sin. He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9)

He laid down His life that we might have life, "Whosoever findeth me findeth life" (Proverbs 8:35)

This life can be found in no one else. If we have this life our lives should reflect His characteristics: "The fruits of the spirit is ..." (Galatians 5:22,23). This is the evidence of that life in us. "I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).
Eternal separation awaits those who reject the Saviour.