

# ***“Putting Exceptions On Our Faith”***

Lesson Text: **John 20:24-29**. Some Will Not Believe Unless....

## **I. Unless They See A Sign, They Will Not Believe.**

- **Matthew 12:38-40; 41-42.**
- **1 Corinthians 1:21-24.**
- Do People Today Wait On A Sign?
  - Some Try To Justify It By Signs Given To Moses, Gideon, & David.
  - **Exodus 33:12-23; Judges 6:36-40; Psalm 86:17.**
  - Today, Many Still Believe In The Signs Of **Mark 16:17-18.**
  - Some Are Waiting For The Signs Of **Matthew 24:4-44**, To Then Believe.

## **II. Unless They Have More Evidence, They Will Not Believe.**

- Many An Atheist & Agnostics Say They Would Believe, If They Could Only See God.
- They Say There Is No Real Empirical Evidence For:
  1. Creation. 2. God. 3. Jesus. 4. The Holy Spirit. 5. Heaven. 6. Hell. 7. The Devil.
- To Them, *“We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight”* (**2 Corinthians 5:7**), Doesn’t Make Sense.
  - They Are More Like Thomas, Who Had To See Before He Believed. **John 20:29.**
- The Scriptures Are Not Enough Evidence For Them— They Reject God’s Word!
  - But The Eyewitness Testimony Of Inspired Men Is Not Enough For Them!
  - **John 20:30-31; Luke 16:27-31.**
- They Also Reject The Evidence Of Design Demands A Designer! (A Scientific Fact).
  - **Psalm 19:1-6; Psalm 139:13-14.**

## **III. Unless The Majority Believes It, They Will Not Believe.**

- Some Base The Most Important Decisions Of Life On What Others Believe!
  - This Becomes An Unspoken Form Of Peer Pressure To Conform To The World’s Beliefs.
  - **Romans 12:2.**
- The Majority Has Never Been For God’s Ways! **Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:23-24.**
  - Would Noah Have Been Saved By Listening To The Majority? **1 Peter 3:20.**
- The Only Majority We Should Strive To Be In Is Those Of Faith In **Hebrews 11-12:1.**
- We Should Have Our Own Mind— Choose Faith Over Fear Of What Others Might Think!

## **IV. Unless It Is A Convenient Season, I Will Not Believe.**

- **Acts 24:24-27.**
- There Is No Convenient Season— A Myth The Devil Uses To Keep Us!
- Felix May Thought There Would Be An Easier Time To Stop Sinning Later On!
- Sin Is Not Easy To Give Up, But We Must! **Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31.**