

Convinced

1 John 1:1-4

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John, the last living member of Jesus's original twelve disciples is a pretty old man and probably won't live much longer. He is also a man who suffered much at the hands of those who refuse to believe in Jesus. Despite the opposition from, Jewish religious leaders, Roman politicians and Greek philosophers, John had never backed down because he knew he was right. No one would ever change his mind! He would die before denying his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. (John 19:35)

We need to be so convinced about Jesus that nothing ever said or done could cause us to change our minds about Him.

- I. John was convinced about Jesus
 - A. Heard (John 1:35-36)
 - B. Seen (John 1:37-39)
 - C. Looked upon (Matthew 17:1-8)
 - D. Touched (Luke 24:36-43)
 - II. John was convinced about life (John 20:30-31)
 - III. John was convinced about church
 - A. Connecting to a local church is connecting with others who are convinced about Jesus
 - B. Connecting to a local church is connecting with others who are connected to Jesus
- "If it's only you and Jesus, you don't know Jesus."* (John Piper)
- IV. John was convinced about joy
 - A. Joy is a byproduct of our fellowship with God through Jesus
 - B. Joy is a byproduct of our fellowship with God's people

So What?

- We need to be so convinced about Jesus that no amount of "fog" from Satan or society will change our minds.
- We need to be so convinced about eternal life that no amount of "fog" from Satan or society will change our minds.
- We need to be so convinced about church that no amount of "fog" from Satan or society will change our minds.
- We need to be so convinced about joy that no amount of "fog" from Satan, society or situations will change our minds.