



THAT YOU MAY
BELIEVE

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

It's Not What It Looks Like – Dan Navarra – July 25

20 The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?”

21 Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you all marvel at it.

22 Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. **23** If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well?

24 Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

25 Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? **26** And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? **27** But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.”

28 So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. **29** I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.”

30 So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. **31** Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?”

Be OK With Going Slow: The Cover Doesn't Tell The Whole Story (v.24)

24 Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

Romans 2:1 - You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Romans 14:13 - Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

Make Sure You're Being Smart: The Real Story is Often Between Two Extremes (v.26)

26 And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? 23 If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? **Don't Get Stuck! *What Have You Got to Lose?*** (v.31)

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