

JOHN

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**John 3:16**



**94 million!**

# Golden Text

*of the Bible*

For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only Son,  
that **whoever believes in  
him** should not perish  
but have eternal life.



john

3:16

*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;*



**john**

**20:30-31**

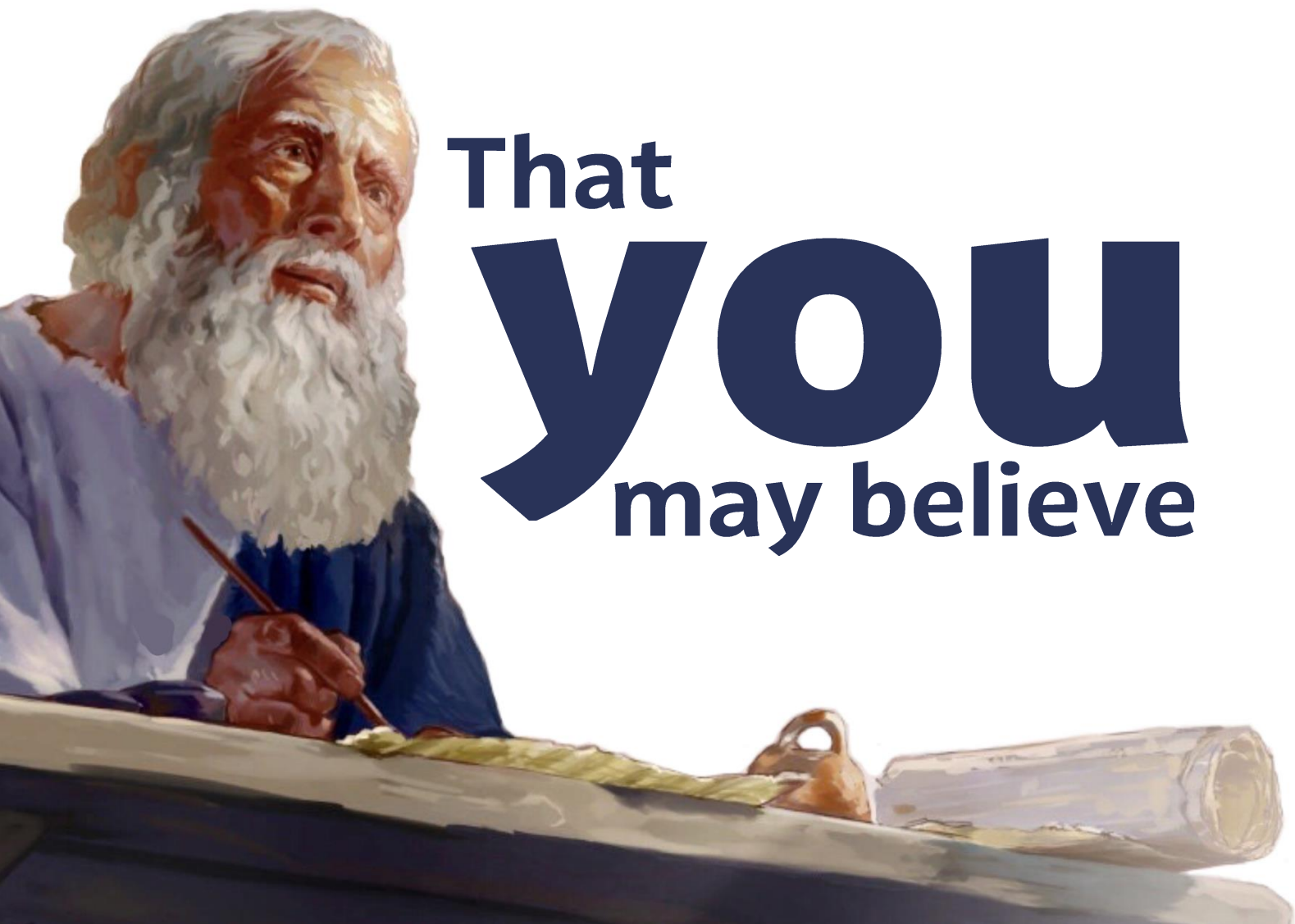


but these are written so  
**that you may believe**  
that Jesus is the Christ, the  
Son of God, and that  
by believing you may  
have life in his name.



**john**

**20:30-31**



That  
**you**  
may believe



# John and the **meaning** *of* **believing**



# 2 major misconceptions *about what it means to “believe” in John*





# **misconception:**

*Believing is **merely accepting** as true that Jesus is the Son of God. At the moment you “trust” him, you are saved.*



# **misconception:**

*Believing is accepting  
as true what we  
**cannot really know**  
for certain.*



*John is the*

# **Gospel of Belief**

**1**





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He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, **who believed in his name**, he gave the right to become children of God



**john 1:  
11-13**

*who were born, not of blood,  
nor of the will of the flesh,  
nor of the will of man,  
but of God.*

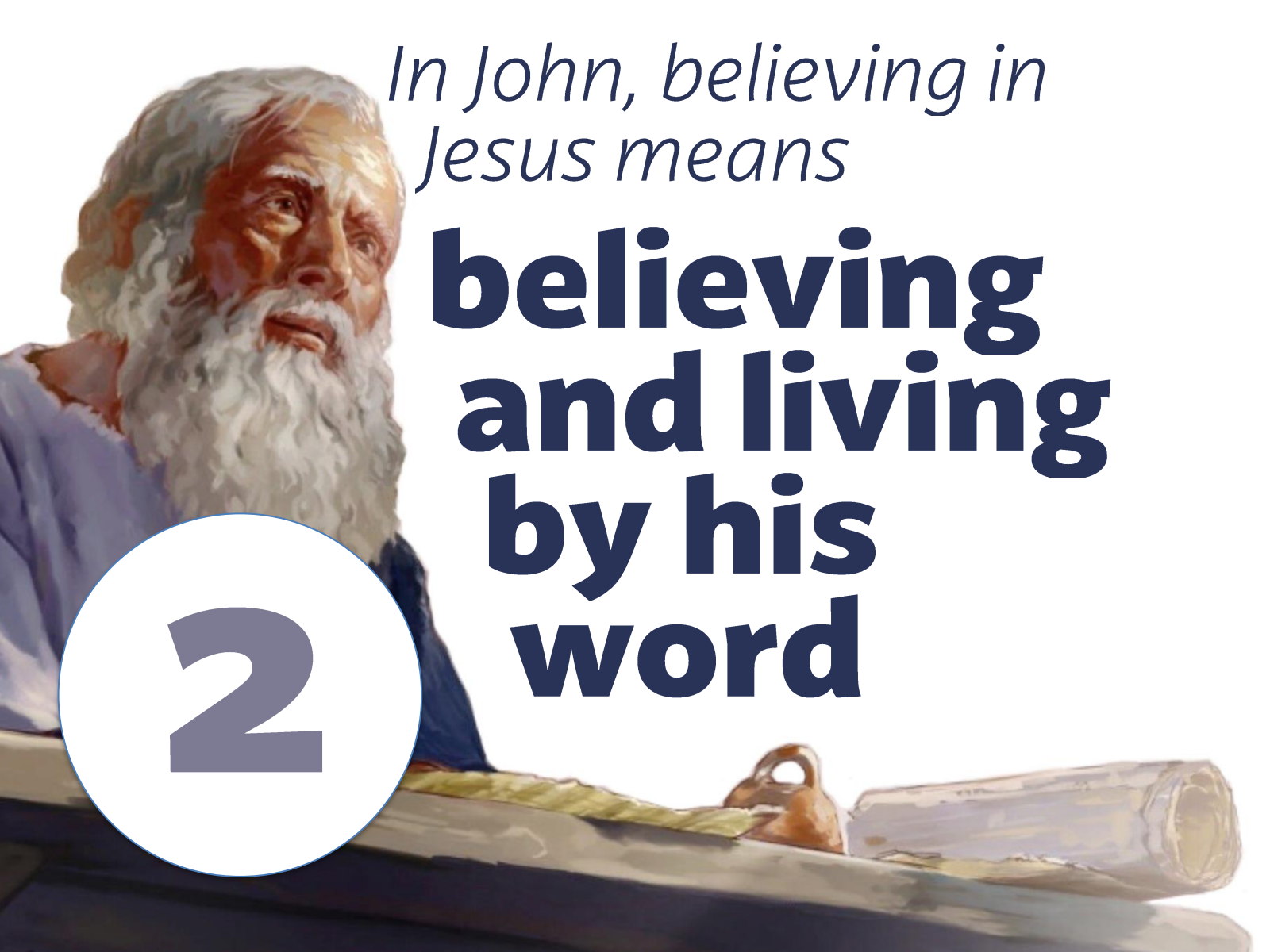


**john 1:  
11-13**

*I do not ask for these only, but  
also for those who will believe  
in me through their word, that  
they may all be one... so  
**that the world may  
believe** that you have  
sent me.*



**john 17:  
20-21**



*In John, believing in  
Jesus means*

**believing  
and living  
by his  
word**

**2**





*This is expressed in  
different ways...*

**obeying  
him**

**2a**

For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only Son,  
that **whoever believes in  
him** should not perish  
but have eternal life.



john 3:  
16-18

*For God did not send his Son  
into the world to condemn  
the world, but in order that  
the world might be  
saved through him.*



**john 3:  
16-18**

Whoever **believes** in the Son  
has eternal life; whoever does  
not **obey** the Son shall not see  
life, but the wrath of God  
remains on him



john 3:  
36





*This is expressed in  
different ways...*

**abiding in  
his word**

**2b**

So Jesus said to the Jews who  
had believed him, **If you  
abide in my word,** you are  
truly my disciples, and  
you will know the truth,  
and the truth will set  
you free.



**john 8:  
31-32**

***Abide in me,*** and I in you. As  
the branch cannot bear fruit  
by itself, unless it abides in the  
vine, neither can you,  
unless you abide in me.



**john 15:  
4-8**

*I am the vine; you are the  
branches. Whoever abides  
in me and I in him, he it is  
that bears much fruit,  
for apart from me you  
can do nothing.*



**john 15:  
4-8**



*If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.*



**john 15:  
4-8**

*If you abide in me, **and my words abide in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*



**john 15:  
4-8**

*By this my Father is glorified,  
that you bear much fruit and  
**so prove to be my  
disciples.***



**john 15:  
4-8**



*This is expressed in  
different ways...*

**receiving  
his word**

**2c**



*The one who rejects me and  
does not **receive my words**  
has a judge; the word that I  
have spoken will judge  
him on the last day.*



**john 12:  
48**



*In John, believing is*

***not* asking  
him to come  
into your  
heart, etc.**

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*In John, believing is*

***not* simply  
believing  
in Jesus as  
God's Son**

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Nevertheless, many even of  
the authorities **believed in  
him**, but for fear of the  
Pharisees they did not  
confess it, so that they  
would not be put out of  
the synagogue



**john 12:  
42-43**



*for they loved the glory that  
comes from man more than  
the glory that comes  
from God.*



**john 12:  
42-43**

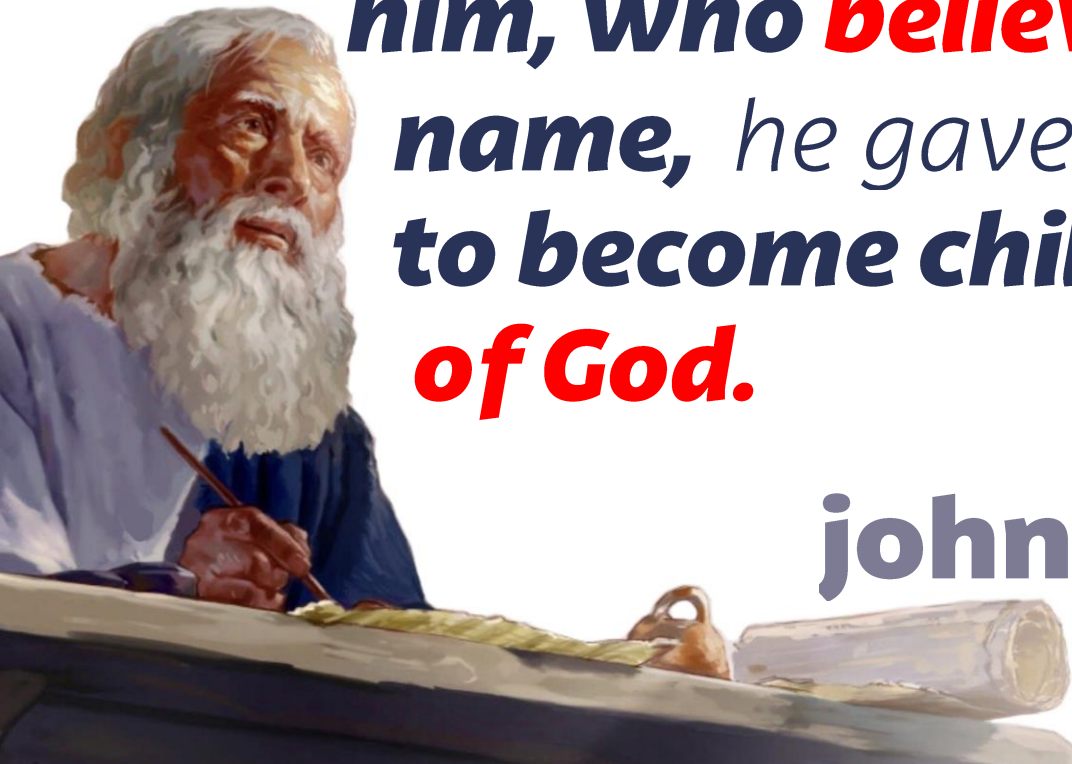


*In John, believing*

**leads to  
rebirth in  
baptism**

**5**

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**11-13**

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nor of the will of man,  
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john **1:**  
**11-13**

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless  
one is **born again** he cannot  
see the kingdom of God...

unless one is born of  
**water and the Spirit,**  
he cannot enter the  
kingdom of God.



john 3:  
3-5

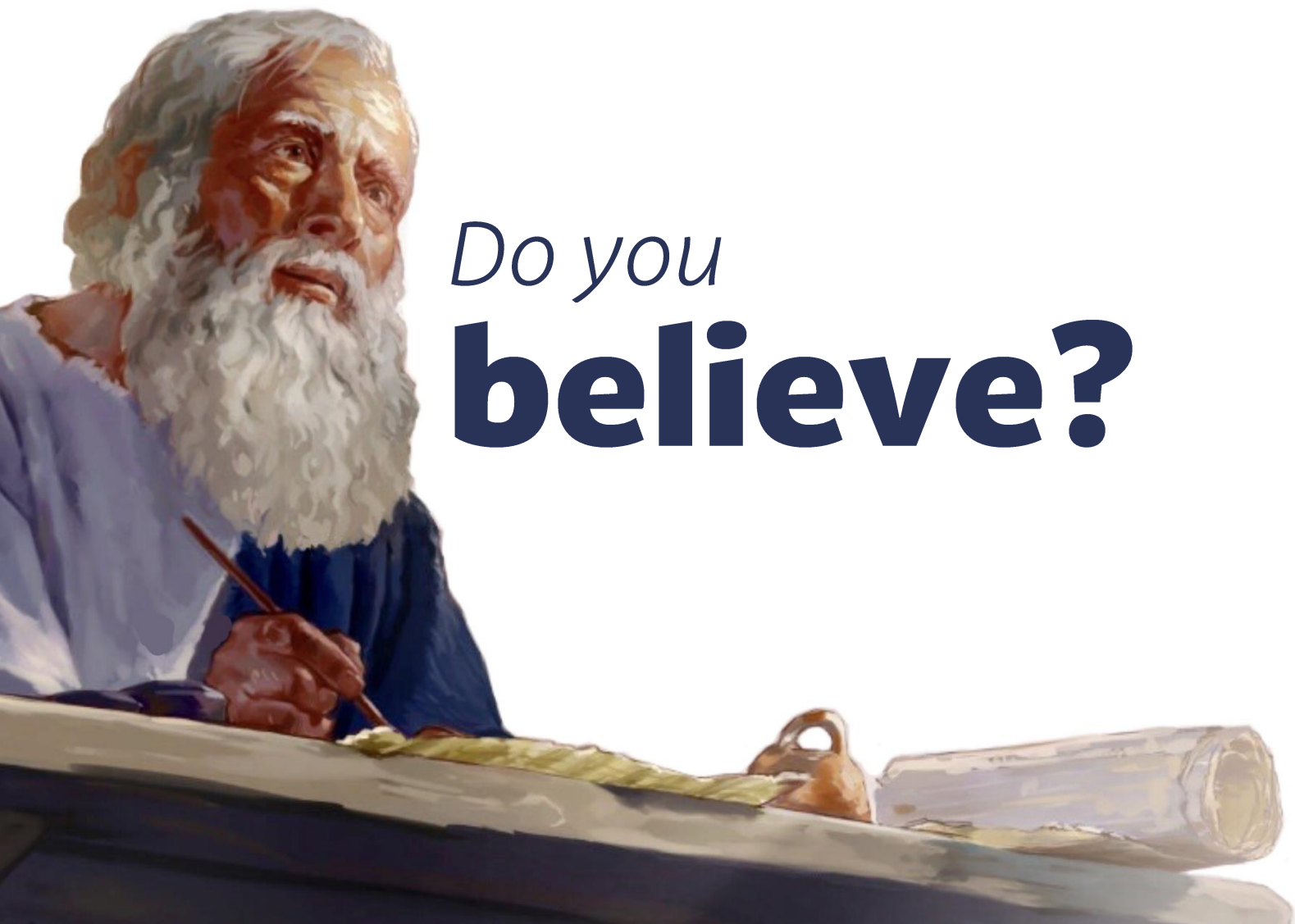




*In John, believing is*

***not* a blind  
faith, a leap  
beyond  
knowledge**

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*Do you*  
**believe?**