

# Creeds 1 - Belief

Week of 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2024

Leader: Opening prayer

**Read Hebrews 11 : 1 – 10**

**Ref V1 to 4**

Give an example of how faith is manifested in your life. what aspects of the Christian faith do you find challenging if any?

**Ref V6**

Does this mean that if our faith is weak at points in our life we cannot please God? Or is it that we are generally a “work in progress?”

If Jesus returned; came to Lymington and you witnessed him performing miracles, would that make your faith complete or might you still find reasons to doubt?

**Read John 10 : 11 – 18**

**Ref V11 to V12**

We are entrusted to spread the Christian message. Difficult times can often occur in life. Do you see yourself as more likely to behave like the “Good Shepherd” or the “Hireling?” How might we improve?

Who is the wolf?

**Ref V16**

Who are “the other sheep that are not of this fold?”

**Ref V17 to V18**

Given that the disciples and others were actually there when Jesus was on earth, why was it sometimes still so hard for them to believe in him?

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## Background

### Book of Hebrews

Paul wrote the Epistle to the Hebrews to encourage Jewish members of the Church to maintain their faith in Jesus Christ and not to return to their former ways.

**Read Hebrews 10 : 32-38**

### John's Gospel

John's book is not a biography; it's a theological argument. John wants to convince us that Jesus of Nazareth is God the Son. Then he wants to show us how that fact will change our lives in some amazing ways. It is by believing in Jesus Christ as the Son of God that we find life – real life, eternal life, a whole new kind of life!

Douglas Connelly – John, The Way To True Life.