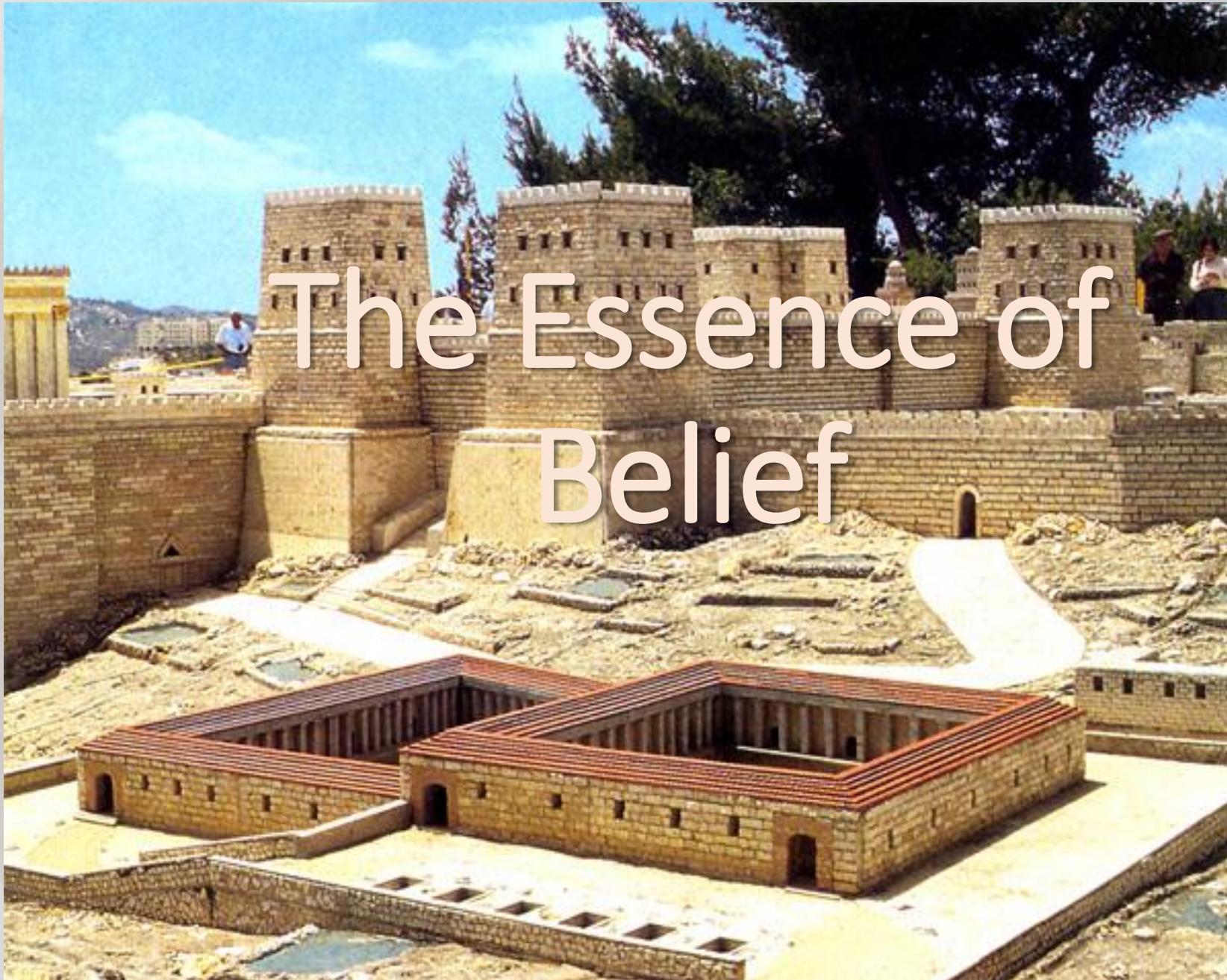


The Essence of Belief



John 5:33-35 NIV

“You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.”



Bethesda: staircase in an exposed part of the southern pool

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John 1:29 NIV

*“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin
of the world!”*



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John 5:36 NIV

“I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me.”



Bethesda: staircase in an exposed part of the southern pool
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John 5:37-38 NIV

“And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.”



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John 5:39-40 NIV

“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”



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John 5:44 NIV

“How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?”



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Deuteronomy 18:15 NIV

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.



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