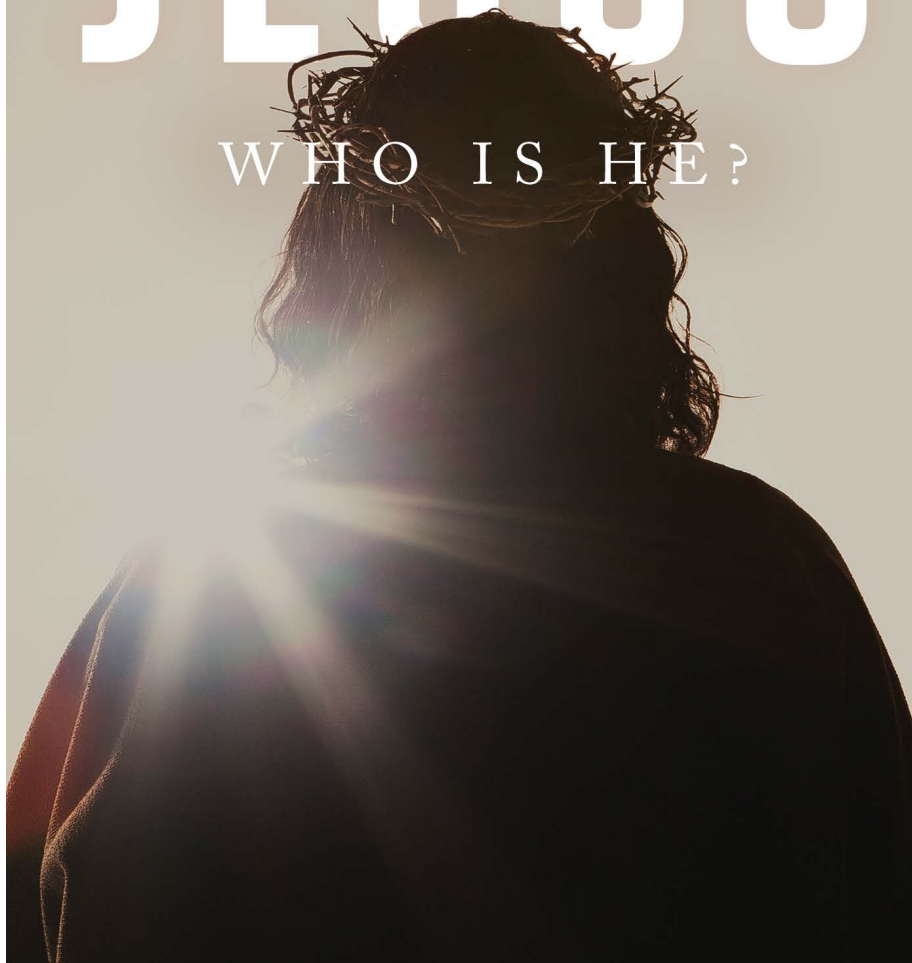


DISCUSSION GUIDE
APRIL 15 & 16

JESUS

WHO IS HE?



Jesus: Who Is He?

The Great Overcomer

MATTHEW 28:1-7 | WEEK 3

Opening Questions

1. Describe the greatest comeback you've ever witnessed (sports, personal, professional, etc.).
2. What has to happen in order for someone to make a comeback?
3. What question(s) or one specific takeaway do you have from Pastor Carter's message?

In the Word

1. Read [Matthew 28:1-7](#). Then check out Jesus' resurrection in the other gospels: [Mark 16](#), [Luke 24](#), and [John 20](#).
2. What information do the gospels give us about Jesus' disciples and friends after His crucifixion but before the resurrection? What would have been difficult or scary?
3. Pastor Carter mentioned a turning point, "When you think it's all over". How do Jesus' followers demonstrate that?
4. After Jesus has been raised from the dead, what happened that began to change the disciples' attitudes and understanding? What is the most amazing fact or event?
5. Pastor Carter also mentioned the turning point of "dare to believe". How do Jesus' disciples and close friends demonstrate that in various ways?
6. What is the one major takeaway you want to remember from the Bible's record of the resurrection?

Making It Personal

1. In what way(s) do you feel trapped, at a dead end ,or like “it’s over” today or recently?
2. Describe the specific “symptoms” you experience at times (discouragement, fear, loss of motivation, worry, despair, etc.) when you feel trapped or stuck.
3. How do you think God desires for you to trust Him more? How could God’s ability, power, knowledge, and goodness make a difference in your life like it did for Jesus’ disciples and friends?
4. Make a list of specific steps you can take in the next week or two. Pray and encourage each other within your group. Report back soon the changes, progress, and challenges.

Continued Learning

1. Depending on your group and the issues raised in “making it personal,” it may be appropriate to gather around one particular couple or individual for prayer, encouragement, or counsel. Depending on the situation, this may be handled best outside of group time. Make sure and take specific steps in the group and outside the group to follow up and help each other move forward.
2. Take time to look specifically at evidence for Jesus’ resurrection: www.reasonablefaith.org/is-there-historical-evidence-for-the-resurrection-of-jesus-the-craig-ehrman.

Additional Notes



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