

## STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ❖ Describe how you came to know Jesus personally. What was your life like prior to this? How has knowing Jesus made a difference for you?
- ❖ Why do you think the Gospel of John begins, "In the beginning rather than at the birth of Jesus? Why is this significant to our faith?"
- ❖ Read Luke 24:44-47 again in your notes. Why is it so important that Jesus' life and mission was anticipated in the Old Testament? How does this fact cause you to read the Old Testament scriptures?
- ❖ How do you view the crucifixion? Necessary evil? Cruel and unusual punishment? Triumph over injustice? Why? What does the death of Christ mean to you? How should his death on the cross affect your daily living?
- ❖ What does Jesus' "resurrection" mean to you? Why is the resurrection important for our faith? Is it significant that Jesus is alive today? Why?
- ❖ How often do you think about Jesus being our "Reigning King"? Why is this important? In what ways is his "kingship" manifested in your life? Are there areas of your life that need to be surrendered to the King?

Bible Versions used: ESV-English Standard; NIV-New International Version

## "The Uniqueness of Jesus"

*Mark 8:29 (NIV) "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"*

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning of time

*Genesis 1:26 (NIV) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness ...."*

*John 1:1-2, 14 (ESV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ before his time

*Luke 24:44-47 (ESV) Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ in his time

*Isaiah 53:3 (ESV) He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

*John 1:10-11 (ESV) He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.*

*Luke 23:35-37, 44-46 (ESV) And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"...It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.*

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ at a point in time

*Luke 24:3-6 (ESV) ...but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee?"*

*John 10:17-18 (ESV) For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.*

*1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (ESV) But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

#### 5. \_\_\_\_\_ for all time

*1 Corinthians 15:23-26 (ESV) But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

*Revelation 19:11-16 (ESV) Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

## Prophecies Concerning Christ

| The Old Testament Prophecy         | The Subject of the Prophecy  | Scripture Stating Fulfillment  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Deuteronomy 21:23                  | Cursed on the tree           | Galatians 3:13   |
| Zechariah 2:10-13                  | God living among His people  | Revelation 21:3, 24  |
| Isaiah 9:6                         | Son to be given              | John 3:16  |
| Micah 5:1-5                        | Born in Bethlehem            | Matthew 2:1-6;<br>Luke 2:4, 10-11  |
| Isaiah 16:4-5                      | Reigning in mercy            | Luke 1:31-33   |
| Isaiah 7:14                        | Born of a virgin             | Matthew 1:22-23;<br>Luke 1:27-35   |
| Isaiah 29:18-19                    | The deaf hear, the blind see | Matthew 11:5;<br>Mark 7:37;<br>John 9:39                                   |
| Zechariah 11:12-13                 | Money buys potter's field    | Matthew 27:9-10  |
| Psalms 22:16                       | Hands and feet pierced       | Matthew 27:31, 35-36   |
| Job 19:25-27                       | A promised Redeemer          | Galatians 4:4-5  |
| Psalms 16:8-10, 49:15; 86:13       | His Resurrection             | Acts 2:27; 13:35   |
| Psalms 68:18                       | His ascension                | Ephesians 4:8  |
| Psalms 109:4                       | Prays for His enemies        | Matthew 5:44;<br>Luke 23:34  |
| Isaiah 35:4-10                     | Healing for the needy        | Matthew 9:30; 11:5;<br>12:22; 20:34; 21:14;<br>Mark 7:31-35;<br>John 9:1-7 |
| Isaiah 53:3                        | Rejected and insulted        | Matthew 27:1-2, 12-14, 39;<br>Luke 18:31-33;<br>John 1:10-11               |
| Exodus 13:2;<br>Numbers 3:13; 8:17 | Firstborn son sanctified     | Luke 2:23  |
| Jeremiah 30:9                      | Born a King                  | Luke 1:69;<br>John 18:37;<br>Acts 13:23;<br>Revelation 1:5                 |

