

# Jesus

Alive from the dead

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## Connect with each other

### Discussion Questions

1. What do you remember from our study last week?
2. What gives you hope in life, especially when things are bad?
3. How reliable is your source of hope?

### Introduction

In the last study we learned how Jesus willingly sacrificed himself to take our sins on himself. In this study we will see how Jesus was raised to life from the dead and what it means for us. This is known as the "resurrection".

## Hear God's Word and understand it

### JESUS PREDICTS HIS RESURRECTION

*Bible Passage: Matthew 16:21*

Background: Jesus' disciples have just become convinced that he is the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus now tells them what must happen to him.

#### Bible Discussion Question:

1. What unique event does Jesus predict here?

### THE EVENT OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

*Bible Passage: Luke 24: 1-8*

Background: Jesus has allowed himself to be killed so that God's purpose will be fulfilled. It is now the morning of the third day since he was crucified and his disciples are visiting his grave.

#### Bible Discussion Question:

1. How did God help the disciples to understand why they did not find Jesus' body?

### JESUS' APPEARANCE IN THE FLESH

*Bible Passage: Luke 24: 36-49*

Background: It is now the evening of the third day and the disciples are discussing the discovery they made earlier.

#### Bible Discussion Questions:

1. How did Jesus help the disciples to know his resurrection body was real? (v39-43) Why did he need to do this? (v37,39)
2. Should Jesus' resurrection have been a surprise? Why? (v44)
3. What does v47 tell us will be the outcome of his resurrection?

### THE ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

*Bible Passage: 2 Corinthians 4: 13-14*

Paul teaches here that God will raise us also with Jesus. His resurrection guarantees our resurrection.

*Bible Passage: John 5: 24-30*

Background: Jesus is speaking before he was killed. He is explaining to the Jews what will happen in the future.

#### Bible Discussion Questions:

1. According to Jesus, who has eternal life? (v24)
2. According to Jesus, who will rise from the dead and what will happen to them? (v28-29)
3. In the light of v24, what is Jesus' definition of who has "done good" and who has "done evil"?
4. Who will decide what happens to them? (v27, 30)

*Bible Passage: 2 Thessalonians 1: 5-10*

Background: Paul also teaches that Jesus is alive from the dead and will come back to judge and bring final justice. He is encouraging the Thessalonians to persevere in faith in their trials because they can rely on this taking place.

#### Bible Discussion Questions:

1. When will Jesus act to judge? (v7, 10)

2. Who will be shut out from the presence of the Lord forever? (v8)
3. Who will share Jesus' glory forever? (v10)

## Apply God's Word

### Summary

1. How would you summarise what you have learned today?
2. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important?
3. Does this give you hope? Why or why not?

### Apply

What difference does it make to you, to realise that you too will get a resurrection body and live in it forever?

In the next study we will learn how you can believe, and come to know God personally.