

# WHO IS JESUS?

## GETTING TO KNOW THE REAL JESUS

### LESSON 2 // THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

**Big Idea:** The best way to get to know Jesus is to understand and believe what He said about Himself. In John 11:25 Jesus declares that He is “the resurrection and the life.” We all have to deal with the prospect of death, but this promise of Jesus gives us great hope. When we hold on to Him as our ultimate hope, we’ll never be disappointed and God turns even death to life.

**John 11:25-26 (NLT)** *Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”*

**John 16:33 (NLT)** *I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*

**Colossians 1:27 (ERV)** *God decided to let his people know just how rich and glorious that truth is. That secret truth, which is for all people, is that Christ lives in you, his people. He is our hope for glory.*

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (NLT)** *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. <sup>17</sup> Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> So encourage each other with these words.*

#### Start Talking:

In what ways does the Resurrection of Jesus change everything?

#### Start Thinking:

**Read John 11:25-26.** How would you explain the hope expressed in these verses to someone who doesn’t yet believe in Jesus? How would you encourage them to respond?

**Read John 16:33.** Why is it important to face the reality that trials, sorrows and death are part of life? How can the truth of this verse help you navigate these realities with hope?

**Read Colossians 1:27.** In what ways is Christ in us our “hope of glory”?

**Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18.** How should the promise of Jesus’ second coming impact how we live now as those who believe in Him?

#### Start Praying and Doing:

Pray that many people will come to know Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life in this Easter season. Look for opportunities to invite folks to church so they can hear and respond to this message, and ask God for divine appointments to share the good news of the Resurrection with people who needs the Lord.