

# Introducing, Jesus



## THE REAL DEAL.

One question every believer is going to face in his/her lifetime is the following:

Where *are* you, God?

When situations get rough and messy, depression hits hard, or life seems stagnant, it can seem like God doesn't care, doesn't understand, or is simply far away.

Jesus counters all of those things.

**God cares.** He sent His Son to die on the cross for our salvation.

**Jesus understands.** He was flesh and bone - completely God and completely man. He gets temptation. He gets confusion. He gets sorrow and betrayal and anger. He gets it.

**The Holy Spirit brings God closer** than ever before. He is in us, working through us, all around us. For believers, the same power that *raised Jesus from the dead* is living and moving *in us*.

God can and will seem distant sometimes. But even in those times, we have reason to trust that He's not. We can trust that He loves, that He cares, that He understands, and that He is right here with us.

# IN THE BIBLE.

## **John 1:14**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## **John 14:16-17**

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

## **John 3:16-17**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

# QUESTIONS.

- 1.) What does it mean that Jesus is real? How does Jesus' "realness" impact your view of Him/relationship with Him?
- 2.) How do you see the Holy Spirit working in you?
- 3.) What can you do to trust God cares and is close, even when He seems far away?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?