

*his cry and saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”*

- What impact does the crucifixion of Jesus have on you?
- Is your conclusion about Jesus the same as the centurion’s?

Read Matthew 28:1-8

*<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” <sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.*

- What do you learn about the resurrection from these verses?
- What are other possible explanations for the empty tomb?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*

- What is significant about the resurrection of Jesus?
- What evidence verifies that the resurrection is true?

Read John 14:6—*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

- What is significant about the three things that Jesus says He is?
- What do you think about Jesus’ claim to be the only way?

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# Seeking God

## *Searching for truth and meaning in the Bible*

### **Study #5: What the Bible Says about Jesus**

## Read John 1:1-2, 14

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning.*

*<sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of men.*

*<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- How do we know that Jesus is the “Word” being discussed in these verses?
- What significant things are learned about Jesus?

## Read Colossians 1:15-20

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

- Why is it significant that Jesus is the image of God?
- Why is it significant that Jesus was so involved in creation?
- What is Jesus’ role in providing salvation?
- What is Jesus’ role in the church?

## Read Hebrews 2:14-18

*Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil - <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. <sup>17</sup>For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

- How did Jesus deal with our problem of death?
- Why is Jesus able to minister to us so effectively?

## Read Hebrews 4:14-16

*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

- How does Jesus’ experience with temptation help him minister to us?

**Matthew 4:23**—*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.*

- How is this single verse a good summary of the ministry of Jesus?
- What does it reveal about Jesus’ abilities?

## Read Mark 15:22, 24-34, 37-39

*They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.*

*<sup>25</sup>It was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>27</sup>They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>come down from the cross and save yourself!”*

*<sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! <sup>32</sup>Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.*

*<sup>33</sup>At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*

*<sup>37</sup>With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.*

*<sup>38</sup>The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard*