

## God in the Dock

Week 4 - Michael Curl

Verdict

### Icebreaker:

Choose something out of your pocket or purse and share why it is important to you.

### Topics for Discussion:

- Read Isaiah 53. (Have a different person read every 2 verses.)
- Do any verses stand out? Any verses remind you of Jesus?
- Discuss the implications of verse 11 (and any others that spark interest)

### Things to Consider:

- The modern usage of the term “prophecy” is any prediction of the future. With that definition, there are prophecies all the time (that come to pass or don’t). When we use the term prophet or prophecy in the Bible, it actually is closer to a promise from God. In many cases that deals with the future, but it is not a prediction (or a guess). It is in fact a statement of what God will work in the world in a very specific way. Isaiah 53 is a **prophetic** text written approximately 800 years before Jesus was born, yet during Jesus’s life (and death) the entire text was proven true.
- Jesus Christ was a real historical figure, attested to by scholars the world around (regardless of faith). His death on the cross is equally certain.
- Eyewitness accounts (recorded in the same sources that verify Jesus’s **real life**) testify to his bodily resurrection after 3 days in the tomb. They confirm he remained on Earth for 40 days and then ascended bodily to Heaven.

### Going Deeper:

- We have promises of Jesus coming to Earth. We have promises of his death on the cross (taking the punishment for our sins). We have promises of his resurrection (proving his divinity). Those same promises were fulfilled. Witnesses testified to the very event that the Christian faith is based on.
  - The question is not, “Did Jesus get up again?” but instead, “What will you do now?”
  - How has a **real** relationship with Jesus changed you?
  - Where do you see him changing you moving forward?

### Prayer:

In a circle, pray for the person or persons to your right. Don’t be afraid to go around more than once!