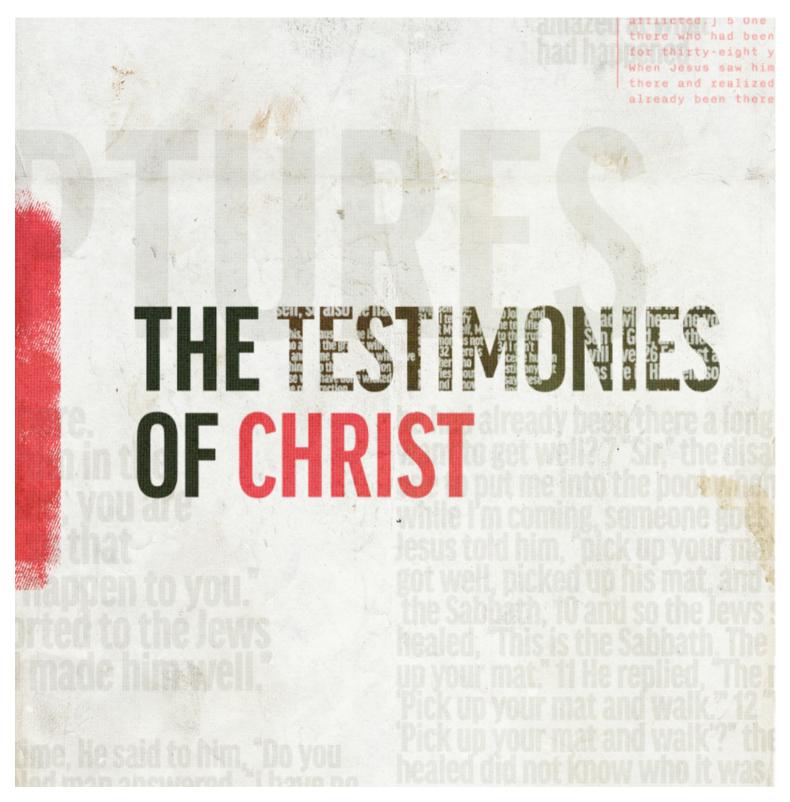
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There are many miracles that give testimony of Christ. All we will review will show the deity of Christ. From turning water into wine, to raising Lazarus from the dead Jesus was alsways trying to help others, heal others, but ultimately bring glory to God. The overall theme of this study will be how the miracles Jesus conducted spoke to His deity, but all along He is glorifying God through His work.

Passages we'll review:

John 2:1-11; John 4:46-54; John 6:1-14;

John 6:15-25; John 9:1-41; John 11:1-44

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As you open up tonight, let's think about when Jesus has worked a miracle in your life. What is a time you can remember?

What jumped out at you from the message this week? What led you to really think or even better, to change your actions?

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What jumped out at you from the video in this session? What are some of your favorite miracles performed by Jesus?

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Read John 2:1-11

In this miracle, Jesus uses a social setting, a wedding, to show his deity by turning six stone jars filled with water into wine. This miracle was the benchmark of how Jesus would conduct His ministry; by helping others, speaking with authority, and being in relationship with others.

Do you use time with others to share the testimony of Christ in your life?

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While in Galilee, Jesus is approached by a government official from Capernaum, whose son is about to die, and asks Jesus to heal him. Jesus tells the official, "Go, your son will live.." (John 4:50). When approaching his home, the official's servants tell him his son was healed

The official showed great faith by coming to Jesus and asking Him to save him. When was the last time you went to Jesus and asked Him for help?

Read John 5: 1-16

During the time of a Festival, Jesus travels to Jerusalem and heals a lame man at a large community pool, known for its healing waters, only if you were the first to enter at a specific time. Through a brief conversation, Jesus heals the man on the Sabbath and is later persecuted by the Pharisees.

When was the last time you looked somewhere else for a solution to an issue instead of Christ? What was the outcome?

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We see the healed man later persecuted by the Pharisees for being healed on the Sabbath. When was the last time you were persecuted for your faith in Christ?

Read John 6: 1-25

In these two miracles, Jesus provides for those around them through the meek supplies given by a young boy. Jesus turned five loaves and two fish into 12 baskets of food, enough to feed those in his presence. That evening, Jesus calms not only the natural world around Him but the disciples' fears as they are stranded on rough seas.

In the feeding of the five thousand we see the diciples surprised in Jesus' provision through so little. When was the last time you were surprised by Jesus, when you couldn't find the answers to an issue?

When Jesus walks on water to calm the storm, and the fears of His disciples, it shows he has deity over the natural world as well as our anxiety and fears.

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Have you ever been in a place where anxiety and fear made you give up and wonder why God had you in this partcular place? How did Chirst save you and calm your anxiety and fears?

Read John 9: 1-41

Here Jesus sees a man blind since birth. He uses His spit and dirt to cure the blind man and tells him to "..Go to Siloam and wash.." (John 9: 11). The man was then questioned by those around him, including his family and the Pharisees. This ultimately leads to Jesus' teaching about spiritual blindness.

Have you had to deal with the challenges from those closest to you, especially family? How do you rely on Christ to handle family or friends who may not agree with your faith?

Read John 11: 1-44

Jesus raises his dear friend, Lazarus, from the dead and also shows great compassion towards Martha and Mary.

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Do you feel the compassion of Christ speaks to His deity in the same way as raising Lazarus from the

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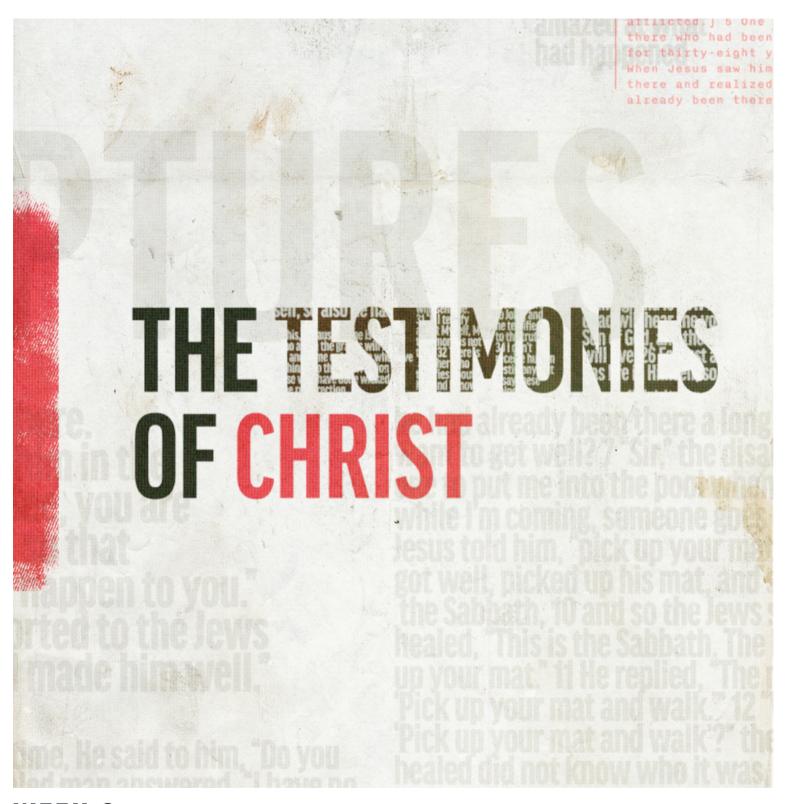
dead? Why or why not?

So what did the you learn that you can add to your prayer life? Did the understanding of Christ's deity make you in even more awe of His greatness? Was there something from one of the miracles that now makes you pray to God more than before? Do you need to pray for healing? What about prayer to help with fear or anxiety? How about praying for thos around us who may not know Chirst as their personal Lord and Savior?

Whatever the situation may be in your life reach out to God to ask for His will to be done! Give Him glory, as Jesus did, as He here's our cries and pleas for help when we're in need.

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There come times in life when we are persecuted by those around us, and Jesus was no different. Throughout His ministry Jesus is consistently coming into conflict with those around Him who questioned Him, spoke out against Him, plotted against Him, and ultimately killed Him. In this study we will dive into three versus on what Jesus states about persecution.

Passages we'll review:

Matthew 5:10-12

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As you open up tonight, think of times when you have been in conflict with others because of your faith in Christ? How did you approach these circumstances?

What jumped out at you from the message this week? What led you to really think or even better, to change your actions?

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What jumped out at you from the video in this session? What are some of reasons we are persecuted by follwing Jesus?

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Read Matthew 5:10-12

In versus 10 we learned that we are persecuted for righteousness sake which is because of what Christ has done, not from our own doing. As we follow Christ, we live our live as a reflection of how he lived His, and in doing so come into conflict with our culture and world around us which tells us to live a different way.

in what ways do you feel persecuted for following Christ? How do you react when persecuted for your beliefs?

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Also, in versus 10, Jesus speaks of being blessed for being
persecuted within righteousness. In the video we learn that
the blessing comes during righteousness because who He
was, what He taught and what He did.

When you are in the middle of persecution, what of Jesus' teachings or examples help you stay true to Him during those times?

In verse 11, Jesus continues to tells us that we are blessed when others speak or act against us for following Him. The persecution we go through is not because who we are, ultimately, but because of who Christ is.

In times of challenges or trails the Book of James tells us, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

What comparisons do you find between Matthew 5:11 and James 1:2-3? What outcomes in James 1:3 do we have to look forward to when going through trials or by being persecuted?

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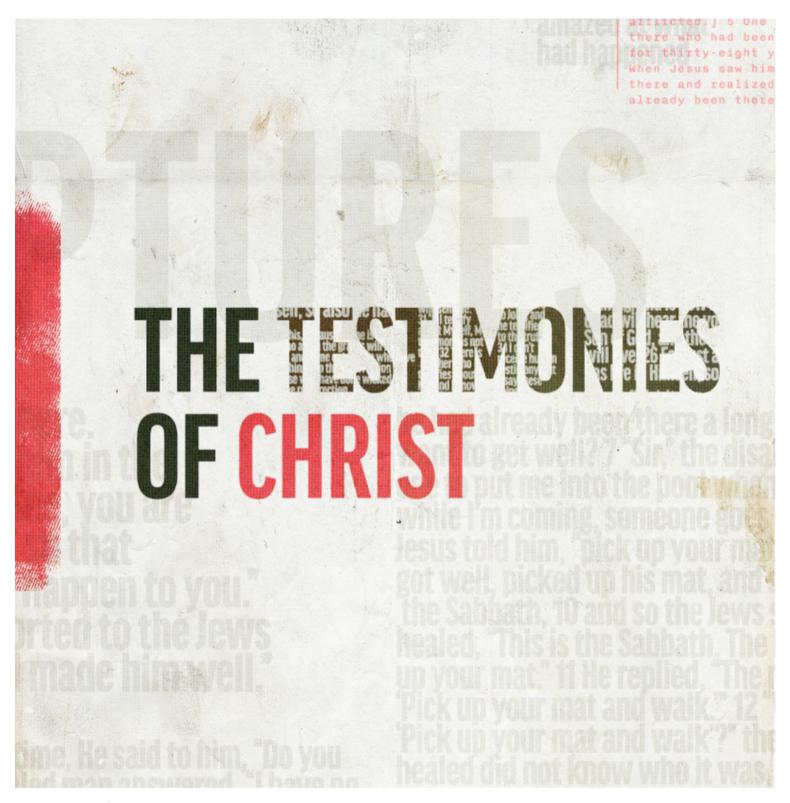
In verse 12, we learn that persecution is nothing new, and that believers in God throughout the Bible are persecuted for following God, living differently from the world around them, and also speaking out against authority for not ruling under God's command.

Who are some of your favorite people throughout the Bible that you look to for Godly example of how to live in the face of persecution?

PRAY

Throughout persecution we should pray to God for His guidance through these hard times. We should pray that we react in way tht reflects Christ and that the Holy Spirit bear in us self-control to not react in the same way we are persecuted. This week, specfically pray for those who persecute us, that they may see the error in their ways, and find a savior in Jesus Christ!

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We know that by claiming Christ as our Lord and Savior we are brought into new life in Him. We are "born again" into new life and we are freed from the sins that bound our old self. This week during Life Group study we will dive deeper into the promised resurrection of new life in Christ and how we have died to sin.

Passages we'll review:

Romans 6: 5-10

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As you open up tonight, think of the phrase "born again". What does this mean to you and why?

What jumped out at you from the message this week? What challenged you this week?

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What jumped out at you from the video in this session? What are some of the key points that impacted you more than others?

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Read Romans 6: 5-10

The word certainly, in verse 5, leaves no doubt that in acceptance of Jesus we will be united with Him! In this short statement alone we can give all glory to God for His love for us and the sacrifice of Jesus! And not only are we united with Christ in this life, but the free gift we receive is eternal life with God!

What things are you <u>certain of</u> in your faith in Christ?

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We can also be certain, as believers in Christ, that He's the perfect example to follow and that there is nothing that can overcome Jesus. As mentioned in the video, Jesus states in Matthew 28:18, "All authority has been given to him in heaven and on earth". This statement comes AFTER the death of Christ on the cross, when Jesus is resurrected, while eleven disciples see Him on a mountain in Galiee.

How does this connection between the certainty mentioned in Romans 5 and the Great Commission reflect the authority in Jesus' Words and increase our faith in Him?

Another truth we have in the resurrection of Christ is that through him we are dead to our sin. The power of sin over us died with Christ on the cross. Our "old self", our sin nature, died once and for all, so we are freed from its power. In verse six Paul's reference to "sin's dominion over the body" refers to our rebellious sinloving nature inherited from Adam.

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Furthermore, we are called in the Gospel of Luke; 23 "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)	NOTES
How does this command from Christ help us daily to avoid our sin nature and seek after Him?	
Because of Christ's death and resurrection, his followers never have to fear death. That assurance frees us to enjoy fellowship with him and to do God's will. This freedom will impact our everyday activities from work, worship, play, Bible study, quiet time, and when caring for others. When you know you don't have to fear death, you will experience a new vigor in life.	
How do you go through life differently today, as a follower of Jesus, than you did before you accepted Him as Lord and Savior?	

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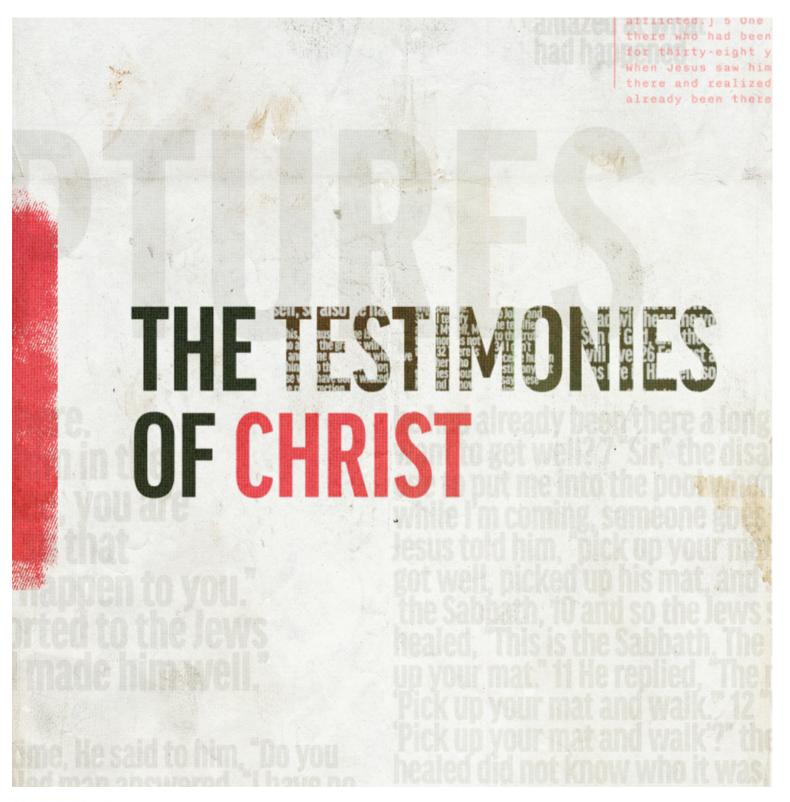
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We should be challenged through this study to pray more frequently. We should give thanks to Jesus Christ for His ultimate sacrifice, that through Him we are dead to our sins. We should pray to God for wisdom to avoid our sin nature and follow after Chirst. We should pray during our times of weakness for the Holy Spirit to guide us through trials and sinful circumstances. Throughout your week take additional time daily to list out hurdles or traps that you need help getting through, and also give thanks to Jesus for a new life in Him!

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We see a great praise from God in the Testimony he gives of Jesus. What a powerful way to support His Son by telling those around Jesus about Him. We see throughout the Bible that God is proud of Jesus, the first born from the dead, and that all who come to Christ will have eternal life with Christ.

Passages we'll review:

Matthew 17: 1-17

OPENING

As you open up tonight, think the relationship between God the Father and God the Son? In what ways does God speak of Jesus?

What jumped out at you from the message this week? What challenged you this week?

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What jumped out at you from the video in this session? What are some of the key points that impacted you more than others?

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Read Matthew 17: 1-13

In Christian teachings, the transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

What is another important moment in the Bible where a great figure went up on a mountain and met in front of God? (Exodus 19) What similarities and differences do you see between the two events?

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Jesus takes three of His disciples (Peter, James, John) up with Him on the Mount of Olives. During Jesus' transfiguration, two other people show up.

Who are the two prophets that show up during Jesus transfiguration? What significance does this have with the Old testament? How does this foreshadow to the Book of Revelation?

When you hear God speak, "This my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to Him!". This is the second time God comes down to speak of His Son during Jesus time on earth. The first is during Jesus baptism when he states, "This is my beloved Son, with who I am well-pleased" (Matt. 3:17). It's a great picture of the acceptance and love God has for Jesus, that even before He starts His ministry God is proud of Him. This shows that God's love is not based on WHAT Jesus does but WHO He is; God loves Him regardless of what is to come. And again, during the transfiguration God states His love for His Son again before commanding the disciples to listen to Him!

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As a parent or grandparent, how does the love God shows for Jesus at His baptism show us how to love our own children or grandchildren?

God states with great authority that we should listen to His Son. What do you take away from this statement as a follower of Christ?

Amongst this great event, stand three men who chose to follow Christ, and even throughout their time with Jesus, didn't always "see the big picture" in what Jesus was telling them. These three disciples are referred to historically as the pillars of the early church, and went about building her up despite opposition on all sides. They were persecuted, tortured, exiled, and it's known that at least two of the three were martyred. No doubt experiences like this, along with the resurrection, and the ascension, that lead them to lead a life, testifying to the true nature of Jesus. Even to the point of death.

What does your testimony say about how Jesus impacted your life? How often to do you share Christ with others around you?

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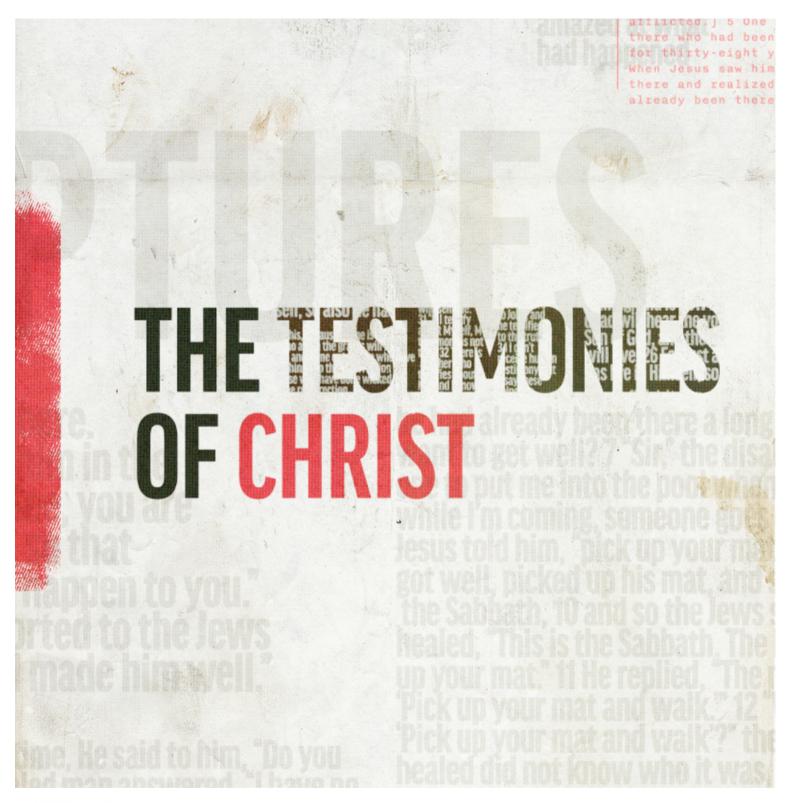
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PRAY

We see many testimonies about Christ through this weeks study. God the Father, the prophets, the disciples, and even nature speak to the deity of Jesus Christ. Be in prayer this week that you may give testimony to Christ and thank Him for all He has done and will do for you. Pray that your testimony will be shared with others and that they will be brought into eternal life with God, through Christ, and be able to spread the Good News to others around us.

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It is the first day of the week after Christ's death. The women have discovered an empty tomb and Peter and john have also seen it. But then we hear a story that is not recorded in any of the other gospels. Luke tells us about two men who are disciples of Jesus that are walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Its obvious that they were disciples of Christ because they say later that "some women of our company amazed us." because they saw the empty tomb. As these men are walking along they're talking about all that transpired in the last few days. They talked about how Jesus was betrayed, handed over to the Jewish authorities, killed by the Romans, buried by their friends and now, on top of everything else, the body of their leader is missing. As they are walking and talking Jesus starts walking with them but He keeps his identity concealed from them. Rather appearing to them, Jesus seems to want to have a discussion with them first before revealing himself.

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why doesn't God just reveal Himself to us? Why do you think that God doesn't show Himself to us in the flesh anymore?

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What jumped out at you from the video in this session? What are some of the key points that impacted you more than others?

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Read Luke 24:13-27

What are some of the reasons why Jesus concealed himself from His disciples?

One reason is that he wanted to draw these disciples into a deeper understanding of who he was and what he had come to do.

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What did Jesus do for His disciples by not revealing	
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Jesus allowed them to grapple with their doubts and uncertainties, and to come to a place of genuine belief through their own experience. Ultimately, it is not up to us to fully understand God's ways or motives. We can only trust that he knows what is best for us and for his purposes.

Another reason is that Jesus wanted these disciples to

When Jesus walked up to the disciples and asks what they are talking about what is their response?

It is clear that these two disciples are deeply grieving the loss of Jesus, and their sorrow is compounded by the confusion and uncertainty surrounding his apparent resurrection.

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What does Jesus do by engaging these disciples in conversation?

Jesus is able to draw out their doubts and uncertainties, and to help them understand the true meaning of his death and resurrection. Through his teachings, Jesus is able to reveal to them the truth of God's plan of salvation and to help them see the fulfillment of the Scriptures in his life and ministry.

What is the significance of mentioning the third day after Jesus' death?

In Jewish tradition, the third day was seen as the day of confirmation, when something would be verified as true or false. The fact that the women found the tomb empty on the third day adds weight to the claim that Jesus has indeed risen from the dead.

Why is it significant that the men also mention the testimony of the women?

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This underscores the role of women in the resurrection story, and the importance of their testimony in the early Christian community.	NOTES
Why does Jesus criticize His disciples?	
They are criticized for not believing what the prophets had spoken! Instead of saying, "Look at me and believe," Jesus calls them foolish and unwilling to believe the scriptures. All the prophets spoke of this event.	
Why did Jesus point His disciples back to the scriptures?	
By pointing them back to the scriptures, Jesus is revealing to them the truth of who he is and what his purpose was, rather than simply revealing himself and expecting blind faith.	
What is the importance of scripture and how it testifies	

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The scriptures are not just a collection of historica
stories and laws but are a means for revealing Christ to
us. Jesus is not just a figure who appears in the New
Testament, but rather he is the central figure of the
entire Bible.

What should we do with God's Word?

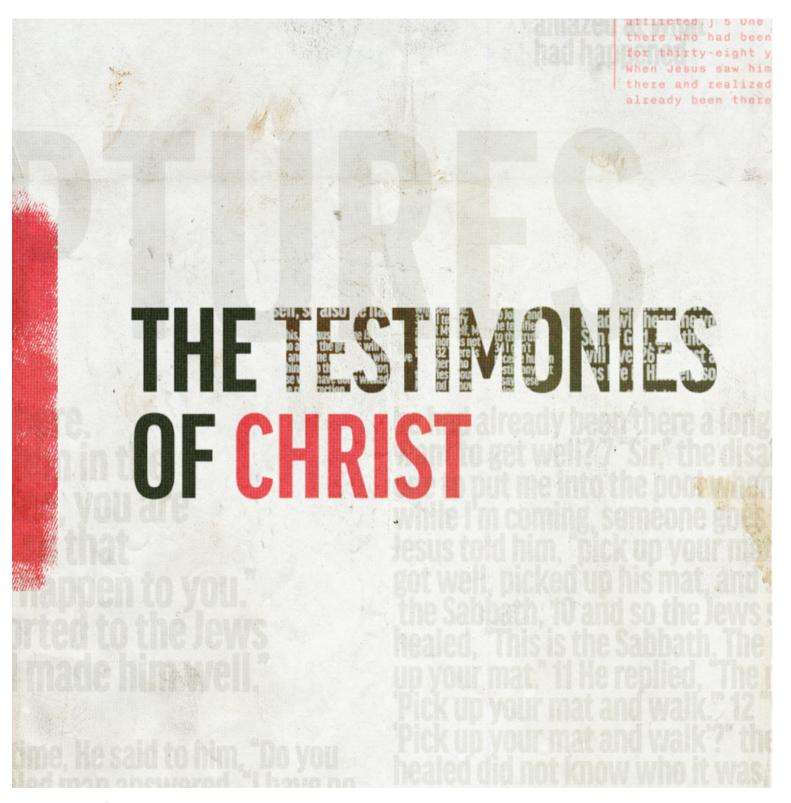
As Christians, we should not neglect any part of God's Word, but rather, we should study it diligently to understand how it reveals Jesus to us.

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Consider the following questions as you pray together as a LifeGroup:

- Do you ever feel like Jesus is concealing Himself from you? What does the Word of God say about that?
- In what ways can we seek out the Living God in the pages of His Word?
- How is God working in and through you especially in the area of His Word?

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THE WITNESSES OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

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The resurrection of Jesus is a pivotal event in the Christian faith and in all of human history. It is the ultimate demonstration of God's power over sin and death, and it provides hope and assurance to all who put their trust in Jesus Christ. At this point, the disciples do not yet understand that Jesus has been raised from the dead. They may have been confused or even afraid, wondering what had happened to Jesus' body. It is only later, when Jesus appears to them, that they begin to grasp the reality of his resurrection.

The fact that the disciples did not expect Jesus to rise from the dead is significant, as it underscores the authenticity of the resurrection accounts. If the disciples had simply made up the story of the resurrection, they would have been likely to include details that made them look more knowledgeable or heroic. Instead, we see in the Gospel accounts a sense of confusion, disbelief, and amazement among the disciples.

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What jumped out at you from the video in this session?
What are some of the key points that impacted you more than others?

READ

John 20:1-18

What does Mary do when she see Jesus' tomb is empty?

She immediately runs to tell Peter and the other disciples, and they come to see for themselves.

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What do they see when they look into the burial chamber?	NOTES
They find the linen wrappings that had been used to wrap Jesus' body, but no body.	
What thought do you think were gping through the disciples' head as they saw the empty tomb?	
They may have been confused or even afraid, wondering what had happened to Jesus' body.	
When did the disciples begin to believe what had happened to Jesus?	
It is only later, when Jesus appears to them, that they begin to grasp the reality of his resurrection.	
What is significant about the fact that the disciples did not expect Jesus to rise from the dead?	

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If the disciples had simply made up the story of the
resurrection, they would have been likely to include
details that made them look more knowledgeable or
heroic. Instead, we see in the Gospel accounts a sense
of confusion, disbelief, and amazement among the
disciples.

Why don't any of the gospels record that Jesus was raised on the third day?

That is what we would expect to read but God wants us to think beyond the third day and understand that it is the first day of the week. It is Sunday.

The fact that the resurrection took place on the first day of the week is significant and has had profound implications for the Christian faith.

What are some of the reasons why this is a big deal?

This is why, we as Christians, traditionally gather for worship on Sunday, which is also known as the Lord's Day.

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How does the old saying 'Seeing is not always believing' line up with this story?

John is making the same point that he has made on many occasions throughout this gospel. Seeing does not cause belief. Jesus has been performing many miracles before the people's eyes, yet many did not believe. Seeing a sign does not generate belief. The same is true even for the empty tomb.

Why did John say that the disciples did not believe?

It was not that they did not believe because they did not see the evidence. They saw the evidence.

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They saw the empty tomb. Why did they not believe? They did not believe because "as yet they did not understand the Scripture."	NOTES
What does Romans 10:17 teach?	
Faith comes by hearing and hearing from the word of God. Faith does not come by seeing.	
Why is simply seeing miracles or signs is not enough to generate faith?	
The disciples saw the evidence of the empty tomb, but they did not believe because they did not yet understand the scripture. This emphasizes the need for believers to have a deep understanding of God's word in order to truly have faith in Him.	
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Why is this significant?

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This is a reminder for believers to focus on studying and understanding the Bible, rather than relying solely on	NOTES	
signs or experiences to strengthen their faith.		
The disciples go back to their homes, but what does Mary do?		
Mary remains at the tomb weeping. It seems to her that the body has been moved or taken and now a proper burial for their Lord cannot be completed.		
What does Mary see when she stoops to look into the tomb?		
Inside she sees two angels in white, sitting on the very slab where the body of Jesus previously had laid. who challenge her to become the first witness of the resurrection and the first to proclaim the good news to others.		

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Because Jesus has died and risen from the dead, we ALL share in the glorious privilege to be able to call the Lord our God and Father AND to tell others about it!

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PRAY

Consider the following questions as you pray together as a LifeGroup:

- Do you see yourself as a faulted human being in need of a resurrected savior or do you think you've got everything covered?
- How do you respond in moments of distress and confusion? Do you turn to Jesus or your own understanding?
- Do you have to see Jesus working in your life to believe in Him or can you turn to God's Word and believe it even when it appears that Jesus isn't there?
- What are you doing with the glorious testimony of Christ? Are you sharing it with others as Christ has called you to do?

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