

Jesus...Long Before The Manger

“DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?”

Luke 24:13-35

“DO YOU KNOW WHERE I HAVE BEEN?”

Genesis 1:26, 3:22, 11:7, Isaiah 6:8, John 1:1-18, 14:7-10, Ephesians 3:9, Colossians 1:15-23,
1 Corinthians 8:6

“DO YOU KNOW WHAT I HAVE DONE?”

Isaiah 50:5-7, Isaiah 53:3-5, Daniel 9:26, Zechariah 12:10, Mark 8:31

“LET’S START WITH MOSES”

Exodus 12:1-13, John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:7, 1 Peter 1:17-21, John 12:23-27, Hebrews 9:22, Revelation 5:12

THREE QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

- ▶ **Who** is your Jesus?
- ▶ **How Big** is your Jesus?
- ▶ **Where** is your Jesus?

Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 5, 2009

Welcome to the spring quarter of Growth Groups! This quarter is nine weeks and will conclude June 5. At this week's meeting, along with the homework, you'll share a potluck meal and review your Growth Group Covenant together. With that in mind, the homework has been abbreviated. Have a great quarter!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. If you had to make one professional sport your career, and pay was equal in all, what profession would you choose and why?

- Football
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Tennis
- Sailing
- Bowling
- Golf
- Badminton
- Chess
- Other

2. What do you think the average person on the street would say if you asked them to describe Jesus and explain who He is?

3. Looking back at this week's teaching, what particular point, statement or scripture caught your attention, challenged or confused you the most?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. It's no surprise that people's description and perception of Jesus can be quite diverse. Write down how the following verses describe Jesus.

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [NIV]

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." [NIV]

Ephesians 2:19-21

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, [20] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. [21] In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. [NIV]

1 Peter 5:4

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. [NIV]

Revelation 1:6-8

and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

[7] Look, he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him.

So shall it be! Amen.

[8] "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." [NIV]

Looking back at what you wrote, are there one or two most people forget about or don't realize is true about who Jesus is?

Which one or two descriptions of Jesus caught your attention the most and why?

2. Because we can't literally see Jesus, at times it can feel that He is absent and we are alone. What reassurance does God give us in the following verses when we encounter this dilemma?

Matthew 28:20

and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." [NIV]

John 16:5-7

"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' [6] Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. [7] But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. [NIV]

James 4:8

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [NIV]

TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back at this week's teaching, which of the "three questions to answer" is most important for you to remember and why?

2. As we begin the spring quarter, what do you hope to get out of your time in Growth Group?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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