



## The Real Jesus of History

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There is, in North America, a growing, almost complete ignorance about any of the people that we read about in the Bible, and almost a complete ignorance about **the Real Jesus**.

### Key Scriptures

Luke 1-2; 24:17-23

John 19:25

Acts 1:21-22; 2:32; 3:15;  
10:40-41

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

### Questions – Talking Points

- Were there any sections that need more clarification? What stood out? What did you not understand? What did you see in a new light?

### Read the key scriptures (on the other side)

- Mike said that we live in a world of ignorance of Jesus. Do you think this is true? What evidence do you see of this? What does this mean for the starting point of evangelism?
- Is it possible to know Jesus apart from the scriptures? Why or why not?
- Why is important to recognize the rejection of Christianity in the first couple of centuries after the birth of Jesus?
- How do you respond to some of the historical evidence that was presented? How helpful is this?
- What is the significance of Luke emphasizing that his gospel is based on eye witnesses?

**Read** Mary's and Zechariah's songs out loud (preferably in a version you don't normally read)

- What stands out to you in Mary's song (**Luke 1:46-55**)?
  - What emotions does Mary feel? Why?
  - How does she describe God?
  - What does she say about what the child she is carrying going to do?
  - How does she link the birth of her son to the story of Israel? Why is this important?
- What stands out to you in Zechariah's song (**Luke 1:68-70**)?
  - Ask the same questions about Zechariah's song.
  - What similarities and differences do you see? Why?

### This Week

- Read **Luke 3-7** (pick up a reading schedule)
- Connect with a LIFEGroup or a couple of friends
- Interact and reflect over the above questions
- Pray that you would see and understand Jesus clearer this Lent.

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