

What makes Jesus different from every other religious leader who has walked this earth? Why is He so controversial? Why has this carpenter's story survived the pages of history? And why should we

Together, we're going to explore Jesus' death and resurrection. And yes, we know it's not Easter. But Jesus' resurrection isn't a Bible story limited to a specific holiday. It's an event that — if it's true should change everything for everybody who believes.

You may notice some weeks of this study have more Bible verses than normal for you to read. That's on purpose. How can you decide what to make of Jesus if you don't read the words left behind about Him?

LET'S LEAN IN.

OH, AND BY THE WAY... NEXT STOP IS YTHX23! SEE YOU IN THE SUNSHINE STATE, FAM!

LET'S GO!

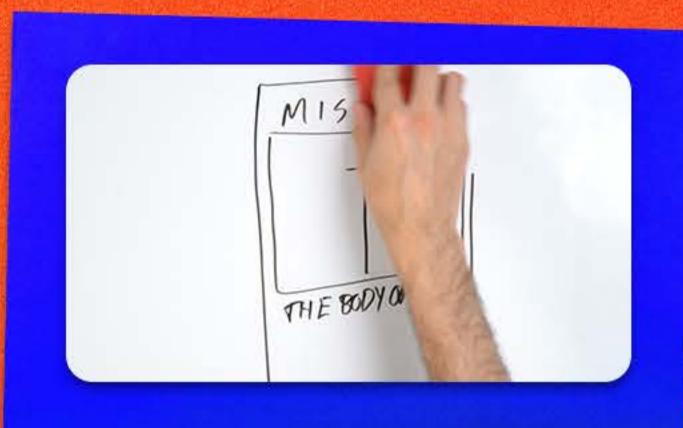




## THINK ITTHROUGH (AND TALK IT OUT)

If you could turn one fiction movie into a reality, what would it be and why (i.e. the Marvel Movies, Harry Potter, etc.)?

Read what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14-19. Why was Jesus' resurrection such a big deal to Paul and why would our faith be a fantasy without it?



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Read Matthew 28:1-15. Why do you think the chief priests felt the need to come up with a story explaining what happened to Jesus' body?

What are your thoughts on the "Stolen Body Theory"? Do you find it easy or difficult to believe?







Read Luke 24:36-43, Acts 1:3, and 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. How do these verses make the Hallucination Theory hard to believe?

When you consider the three theories (The Stolen Body Theory, the Swoon Theory, and the Hallucination Theory) and the reality of Jesus' resurrection, which is the most difficult for you to believe? Which is the easiest for you to accept as truth?

If Jesus beat death, then that would mean He really was the Son of God... which would mean, there really is a God. What would that reality change for you?

Are you currently living like Jesus is laying in a grave or sitting in heaven? Talk about it.





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If you had to write a book about one person, who would it be?

Read Luke 1:1-4. Why do you think so many people took the time to write about Jesus?



### THINK ITTHROUGH (AND TALK IT OUT)

When was the last time you broke a promise you made to yourself or fell short of your own standard.

What do you think of when you hear the word, "gospel"?

Check out the 10 Commandments by reading Exodus 20:1-17. Then, check out how Jesus added to some of them in Matthew 5:21-22, Matthew 5:27-28, and Matthew 12:36. How confident would you feel to stand face-to-face with God one day if that's where the story ended?



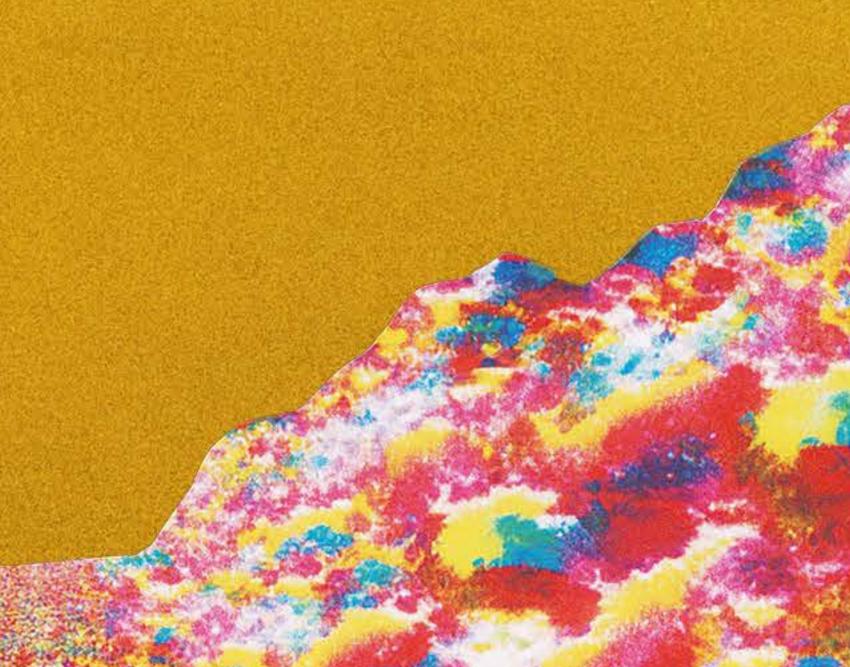
Thankfully, the story doesn't end with us falling short. The story ends with Jesus coming to earth to rescue us. Read Romans 5:8. What does this verse tell you about God's love for you? How is this different than the love the world offers?

Read Luke 15:11-32. What sticks out to you? Of the father's two sons, is there one you can relate to more?

Spend some time talking about where you are with Jesus. Have you ever accepted Him as your Savior? Are you running toward Him or away from Him (or are you drifting away slowly)? Talk it out together.

If you've never accepted the gift of the gospel or you've wandered far from home, like the Prodigal Son, talk to your eGroup leader! Nothing would make them happier than praying with you.







## THINK ITTHROUGH (AND TALK IT OUT)

If you could be finished with one subject at school forever, what would it be (e.g., Algebra, Biology, English, etc.)?

Quincy talked about some of Jesus' final words: "It is finished." What do those words mean to you?



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The empty tomb is proof that there is always hope. Read 2 Corinthians 4:8-9. Where could you use some hope right now and how does the empty tomb and those verses help you see things differently?

Justin talked about the difference between believing THAT something is real and believing IN something. When it comes to Jesus, where would you rank your belief right now? Do you simply believe that He existed or do you have faith in His ability to take care of you today?

Read Romans 10:11. How does this encourage you?



# THINK ITTHROUGH (AND TALK IT OUT)

Read Matthew 27:11-26. What did Pilate ask in verse 22? Why is this question still important for us today?

Carlos said to follow someone requires a step, followed by another. If you want to follow Jesus, what's your next step (e.g., salvation, baptism, starting a MyClub, signing up for YTHX, inviting a friend to eGroup, etc.)?

Read John 14:6-14. If you've ever wondered what God is like, look at Jesus. And if you've ever wondered what God can do through you, Jesus gives a really big hint in verse 12. What would you start doing (or stop doing) if you believed God wanted to do greater things through you?



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What's up, eGroup Leaders! Can you believe another semester is behind us? But summer doesn't mean we scale back. This is a great opportunity to keep learning, so don't sleep on these resources. Get better acquainted with Jesus. Grow in His Word. And get ready... because YTHX23 is going to be next level for us all!

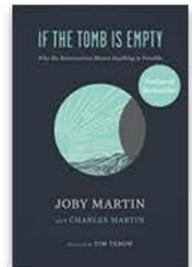
If you want to keep learning about Jesus, check out this series by Andy Stanley.



If you want to take a trip down memory lane, revisit one of Pastor Steven's sermons from this year. There's no way we can pick a favorite, but we'll leave one here for you to get you started.



If you want to keep exploring the power of the empty tomb, check out this book by Joby Martin.



And if you just want a fun story to read on your summer vacation, check out this modern day tale of the Prodigal Son by Charles Martin.

