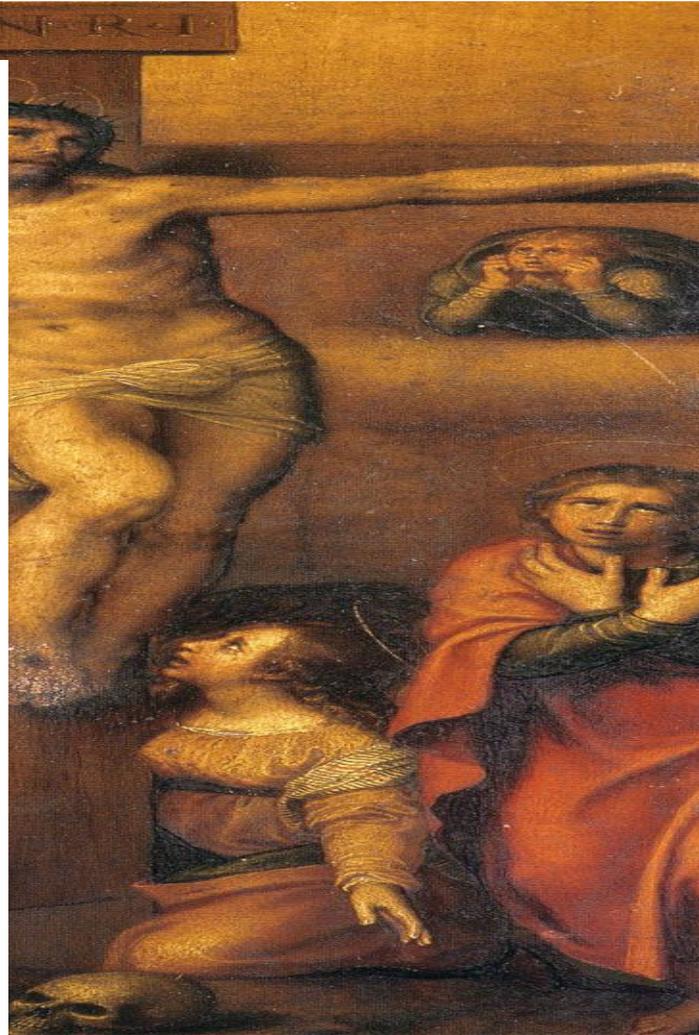


DISCOVERY GROUPS 2018



The Son of God

April 1 – April 7

Discovery Groups



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Sample

Who is Jesus Christ?

Everyone is Welcome

Discovery groups are open to everyone to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their perspective.

Opening Thought

I remember years ago sitting in my college dorm room reading a Bible passage about Jesus Christ and resurrection from the dead (John 11:21-25). It hit me like an electric shock that pulsed through my body. Did I really believe Jesus' statement about the resurrection of the dead? Or, was I simply like others who believed Jesus was a good man, worthy of following, but not capable of overcoming death?



I had only been a Christian for over a year and Easter was fast approaching. Yet, I felt like I was coming to faith all over again by answering a simple question: Do I believe this? I was so struck by this passage, and by my lackadaisical response, that I told myself, "I'm not sure I believe this, but I want to. I really want to." For the next month leading up to Easter, I proceeded to read this passage to myself every morning and pray that I would believe it. Do you believe that Jesus rose from the dead and that you will too if you have trusted in him

Questions

Have you heard the phrase "Son of God," and "Son of Man?" What do they mean?

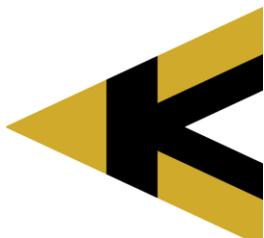
What was Jesus' primary message?

Why did Jesus die? Why did he come back to life?

What other questions do you have about Jesus or Christianity?

What We Believe About the Son of God

I Am Part Of A Church



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The Christ

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Fully God, Fully Man

Scripture teaches that God was born into our humanity through a miraculous virginal conception. This unique event is called the incarnation. Historically, the Church has always affirmed that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man in one person. Jesus divinity and humanity is attested to in a number of places in the Scriptures. For instance, his divinity: Jesus stands in place of Yahweh as the Lord of the covenant. Yahweh is revealed in the Old Testament as the one who has all power, dominion, and authority. Equally, his humanity: Jesus faced human limitations and lived a completely human life, yet never sinned. The human birth and infancy of Jesus provides ample biblical evidence that the Jesus Christ was fully human.

Our Redeemer

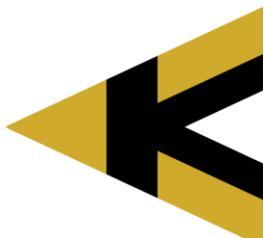
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