

# AXIS

## Small Groups

### Ice Breaker:

**Ask:** If you had to describe Jesus with one word, what word would you choose?

### Getting Started:

**Main Goal:** To meet Jesus, in His fullness.

From before time and space He was. The second person of the Trinity, wholly God, He is the author of all creation.

**Read:** Genesis 1:26

#### Discuss:

How do we see Jesus in this verse?

“our”-indicates the three person nature of God. Because we believe Jesus to be part of the Trinity, we see Him present at creation.

**Read:** Colossians 1:16-17 and Hebrews 1:2

These verses affirm that Jesus was not only present at creation, but indeed made the world and everything in it.

Transcending our understanding, He came down from heaven and became incarnate as man. Becoming wholly man, He remained wholly God in order to make a way for us back to relationship with the Father.

#### Old Testament Prophecy

**Read:** Isaiah 7:14

#### New Testament Fulfillment

**Read:** Matthew 1:23 and Luke 1:32-33

Compare these Old and New Testament Scriptures.

**Read:** Philippians 2:6-8

What do these verses tell us about Jesus?

His nature?

His actions?

His character?

His attitude?

His purpose?

Because only God could pay the debt of our sin in whole, this atoning work done on our behalf, and planned before time, was accomplished by the God/man Jesus Christ on the cross.

**Read:** Isaiah 53 and John 19:7-18

As you read both passages, look for similarities. Compare the content of these Scriptures.

**Re-read:** Isaiah 53:11-12

What was His purpose?

What did He accomplish?

But because He was in fact very God, death could not hold Him, and vanquishing sin He rose on the third day to ascend to heaven, where He presently mediates on our behalf.

**Death Could Not Hold Him, He Rose on the Third Day**

**Read:** Matthew 16:21, Matthew 28:6-7

**He Ascended to Heaven**

**Read:** Acts 1:9-11

**He Presently Mediates on Our Behalf**

**Read:** 1 John 2:1

But as He promised, He will return to judge His creation. Man was made for eternity, and those who abide in Him will reign in glory with Him for all of eternity, while those whom He does not know will be separated from the Father for all eternity.

**Read:** Revelation 19:11-21

Describe Jesus as He is depicted in these verses.

**Read:** Revelation 20:11-21:6

What emotions do these verses stir in you?

**Bringing it Home:**

What aspect of Jesus would you rather pretend wasn't true?

Is there anything that we have read that makes you uncomfortable or unsettled?

If we are honest with ourselves, we all have a version of Jesus that we prefer, or at least parts of His nature that we would rather not think about or discuss because in some way they make us uncomfortable, unsettled.

Why do you think this is true?

What characteristics of Jesus make you pause, cause you stand in awe and marvel at who He is?

At the beginning of our study you were asked to describe Jesus in one word. It's an interesting concept, and probably shows, in some form, the most personally significant characteristic of Jesus in your own heart, but in reality, there would never be enough words to describe our Lord. Read what John had to say about just the time Jesus spent on earth which he had tried to summarize. **Read:** John 21:25

**Ponder and Discuss:**

Am I engaging all of Jesus?

Am I selling Him short?

Am I working on knowing Him in fullness?

Am I sharing Him in His fullness?