SESSION 16 THE MAN GOD God&Me&Us

Focus Point

History shows that Jesus really existed. And His resurrection shows us He really is God.

The Key Truths

Using 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, the oldest creed found in scripture and manuscript evidence from the ancient world, this session proves beyond a doubt that there really was a person called Jesus of Nazareth, who lived, ministered and died in first century Palestine. It also uses the same evidence to show there is remarkable proof that this same Jesus rose from the dead. This is good news for us, because His resurrection paved the way for our resurrection.

Scriptures to Consider

- **John 1:14 (NIV)** "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."
- Colossians 2:9 (NIV) "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form."
- **Philippians 2:6-7 (NIV)** "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness."

Group Discussion Questions

Question 1: Why did Jesus have to come to earth as a 'man'?

Answer: Only God, who is perfect in every way, could take on the sin of the world. To do this, He had to become a human, be tempted in every way and still be perfect before taking on our sin.

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Question 2: What does it mean for us, and how does it help us, that He came to earth as a man?

Answer: Jesus showed us how to live. We have an example to follow and we know that He understands the things that we go through as His followers because He has faced them all Himself. "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet he did not sin." (Hebrews 4:15, NIV).

Question 3: What are the eternal results of Jesus coming to earth?

Answer: When Jesus rose from the dead He overcame death forever, which means that we have an eternal hope. If we've trusted in Him to forgive our sins, we can also live forever.

Word of the Day

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Verse of the Day

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And this fellowship of ours is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ." - 1 John 1:3 (NLT)

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