

IS JESUS HISTORY?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Watch *IS JESUS HISTORY?* with your small group. Allow participants opportunity to share their thoughts on images or points that particularly stood out, things that intrigued or raised questions for them.



Read Luke 1:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 out loud with your group. Allow time to consider the texts and reflect on the case presented in the film.



DISCUSS

1. A Greek doctor named Luke set out to systematically compile a record of the events of Jesus' life. At least three other Biblical eyewitnesses recorded accounts of Jesus' life. What is the significance of having Jewish, Greek, Roman and provincial Roman sources all corroborating details of Jesus' life and death? Shouldn't the Biblical record be evidence enough to believe his claims?
2. Throughout history, many have staked their lives, some dying martyrs' deaths, on the strength of Jesus' words. How do you respond to the evidence concerning Jesus? What details of his life can you accept? Which claims do you struggle to accept?
3. A preacher called Paul argued the stories of Jesus were either true or they were not. If they were not, those who died believing should be considered most pitiful. Why do you think Paul made such a statement? If the historical records are true and Jesus was a real person, how could it be considered pitiful to believe in him?
4. Is it enough to believe that Jesus was a real person, a wise and good man, a prophet? What of the claims made of him and by him—that he forgives sins, rose from the dead, was and is God, that he lives still and will return for his people one day? Are these the claims of a good man? Or are they only good if they are claimed by God?



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