



WEEK #5: THIS SAME JESUS: EASTER'S NOT JUST HISTORY

INTRODUCTION

There is something large in everyone's life. For some, it's money or sports. For others, it's a career, or politics, or social media. But no matter how big we make those things, they will always be so much smaller than Jesus. He will always be more. He will always come through. He's the only one worthy of our worship, and we're called to lift him up. Let's *Magnify Him*.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon opened by describing our "troubled world"—inflation, polarization, violence, war. How does the reality of Jesus' return bring you hope in the midst of these challenges? The pastor contrasted two types of historical days: those we simply remember (like George Washington's birthday) and those that are part of an ongoing story. Why is this distinction important when thinking about Easter?
2. The sermon mentioned several prophetic signs being fulfilled in our time (Jerusalem's status, Russia/Iran alliance, etc.). How does knowing these prophecies affect your faith? Does it change how you view current events?
3. The story of Marilyn Monroe ended with Arthur Miller wishing he could tell her, "God loves you, darling," and have her believe it. Have you ever struggled to believe that God loves you? What makes it difficult to accept?
4. Read Acts 3:19-21 together. What are "times of refreshment," and what does "restoration of all things" mean? What in your life needs restoration right now?
5. The sermon mentioned people trying desperate things to extend their lives (like Mark Cuban's "disgusting sandwich"). What are the ways people today try to find life, healing, or hope apart from Jesus?
6. If you truly believed Jesus could return in your lifetime, how would that change the way you live this week? This year?
7. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:10-11, 3:19-21 / Luke 4:18, 21:24 / Ezekiel 38:8 / John 10:28-29.