



# EASTER

WOULD YOU RATHER?

Would you rather be \_\_\_\_\_, or a \_\_\_\_\_?

When Jesus faces his largest crowds, He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_; He calls people to \_\_\_\_\_.

“ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life.’ ”

~ JOHN 6:26-27a (NIV)

“ Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’ Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’ ”

~ JOHN 6:28-29 (NIV)

“ Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’ ”

~ JOHN 6:35 (NIV)

Jesus Message: \_\_\_\_\_ in me, and make me \_\_\_\_\_.

“ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.”

~ JOHN 6:66 (NIV)

“ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.’ ”

~ JOHN 6:68-69 (NIV)

## THE RESURRECTION:

Jesus embraces \_\_\_\_\_ AND his \_\_\_\_\_.

“ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.”

~ JOHN 20:19-20 (NIV)

Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ that night.

“ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’ ”

~ JOHN 20:24-27 (NIV)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas.

“ Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’ ”

~ JOHN 20:28-29 (NIV)

If you are \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus keeps \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

## THE RESURRECTION:

Jesus embraces \_\_\_\_\_ IN his \_\_\_\_\_.

“ I am going out to fish.” ~ JOHN 21:3a (NIV)

Peter \_\_\_\_\_ all night and \_\_\_\_\_.

“ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, ‘Friends, haven’t you any fish?’ ”

~ JOHN 21:4-5a (NIV)

“ He said, ‘Throw your net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.”

~ JOHN 21:6 (NIV)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Peter.

“ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ he said, ‘you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my lambs.’

Again Jesus said, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He answered, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Take care of my sheep.’ The third time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ He said, ‘Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my sheep.’ ”

~ JOHN 21:15-17 (NIV)

Jesus’ goal was not to \_\_\_\_\_ Peter, it was to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

“ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.’ ”

~ ACTS 2:14 (NIV)

## WHAT?

“ Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.’ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’ ”

~ ACTS 2:36-38 (NIV)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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Turn from \_\_\_\_\_, and Go \_\_\_\_\_ in.

- 1- What is the difference between being a Christian and being a Disciple? How can you see those differences in someone’s life?
- 2- Read John 6:65-70. In John 6, Jesus challenges the crowd to believe in Him and to make Him number one. Some give up and walk away, others pledge to follow Him no matter what. How do people respond these days to Jesus’ call to deep discipleship? How do you respond to a spiritual challenge?
- 3- Read through John 20:19-29. Thomas needed more to believe. When was a time that you had serious doubts about faith? How did Jesus keep coming back for you in your doubts?
- 4- Thomas believes and declares “My Lord and My God” in verse 28. When did you cross over from unbelief to belief? How is faith in Jesus today different for those who haven’t seen Him physically the way Thomas did?
- 5- Compare John 21:1-7 to Luke 5:4-10. Compare John 21:9 and John 18:17-18. Compare John 21:15-17 and John 18:15-18 and 18:25-27. How does Jesus “revisit” these key events in Peter’s life as a way to restore and encourage Peter after His failure?
- 6- Peter failed deeply, yet Jesus pursued and restored him, inviting him forward instead of shaming him. How do you typically respond to your own failures or spiritual setbacks? What does Peter’s restoration teach us about how Jesus meets us in those moments?

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