

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

March 2016

## *Jesus' Resurrection*

### **Easter Lesson**

- What are some of the theories that Jesus wasn't really resurrected from death?

#### **OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION**

##### **Read Phil 2:5-7 Jesus' Human Status**

1. What are some of the theological implications of verse 6?
2. What are some ways that Jesus (God) limited himself while living on earth? Mt 24:36 Why? Vs 7  
*Note: To help explain the concept of the incarnation, God taking on flesh, William Barclay used the illustration of a human baby. While he always remains a human, he changes from an infant to a child to a teenager and then an adult. The essence of humanity remains the same while the form changes. In a similar way, Jesus Christ continued to be equal with God even while He took on humanity, incarnated in human form. God became man.*
3. If Jesus became a slave, what was His service (purpose)? Vs 7
4. If we are becoming more like Christ (sanctification), what is our purpose? Vs 5

##### **Read Phil 2:8 Jesus' Crucifixion**

*Note: The person being crucified was stripped naked except for a loin cloth. The loin cloth was necessary because the person usually lost control of their bowels. (The people around them didn't want to get "dirty".) Nails were driven through hands and feet. The use of nails by the Romans only last for 4 years. They were normally 18 inches off of the ground and left for the wild dogs and buzzards. Ps 22:16 ; 20 It is estimated that during the Roman occupation of Jerusalem, more than 30,000 Jews were crucified. Crucifixion would sometimes last four days. Upside down crucifixion was not considered successful until the victim's internal organs came out of their mouth. To add to the humiliation, crucifixion was a nationalistic, racist act—a Roman was crucifying a Jew. Jews had to ask the Romans for permission to have someone crucified.*

5. Jesus knew the crucifixion and death (separation from the Father) was coming. Mt 16:21;  
Mt 20:18-19 Why did He go through with it? Jn 17:1-4; 16:28; 16:33; Isa 53:12

##### **Read Phil 2:9-11 Jesus' Glory**

6. The cross has changed from being a symbol of humiliation and scorn to a sign of hope. Why?  
1 Cor 15:1-9; Col 1:18

#### **APPLICATION**

- What difference does Jesus' resurrection make in your Christian journey?

**Destroy this temple and I will raise it again in three days.**

**Jn 2:19**