

# HE IS EASTER MARCH 27 - MARCH 31 RISEN

## Easter 2024

Pastor Jeff Little | March 27-31

### WARM UP

What is something you are grateful for this Easter?

### INTRODUCTION

Two thousand years ago, people flocked to Jesus. Yet the religious leaders wanted to stop Him. Two thousand years later, people are still turning to Jesus and making Him their Lord. Today, let's talk about what draws people to Jesus, as well as what keeps people from turning to Him.

### DISCUSSION

*These questions are a guide. Please select the ones that will work best for your group. You do not have to discuss them all.*

1. Read John 11:48. What were the religious leaders afraid would happen if they didn't stop Jesus?
2. Why did the religious leaders think everyone would end up believing in Jesus?
3. What makes someone want to turn to Jesus even today?
4. What are some of the reasons that keep people from coming to Jesus today?
5. Pastor Jeff mentioned six reasons that keep people from believing in Jesus: (1) difficulty trusting God, (2) pain and suffering, (3) family challenges, (4) fear of failing, (5) we want to "customize" Jesus, (6) it requires a faith step, and (6) feeling like you are the only one. Have you ever experienced any of these challenges before?

*Tip: Select some of the points above and talk about them one at a time. Example: When have you experienced pain and suffering, and how did that impact your relationship with God?*

6. How did you come to know Jesus? Tell us about your experience.
7. How has knowing Jesus brought you peace and life?

### APPLICATION

Are you facing anything right now that requires you to trust God at a deeper level or take a step of faith?

### PRAYER

- Thank God for saving us and giving us His peace and abundant life!
- Pray for anyone who responded to the application question above.
- Take prayer requests and pray for any needs in the group.