Meet Jesus (4/20/25) Discussion Questions

Summary: John wrote his gospel account "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (20:30). He presents seven miraculous signs to confirm seven "I am" statements of Jesus. We will focus on three of these this Resurrection Sunday: Jesus is light, love and life. The conclusion from all that John presents is inescapable: Jesus Christ is LORD.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1

Three Claims of Christ:

- 1. Light: "I am the light of the world"
 - As he opened the eyes of a blind man, so Jesus can show us the <u>Truth</u> about God (9:1-5)

"No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known." John 1:18

- 2. Love: "I am the good shepherd"
 - As he healed a crippled man, so Jesus can change our <u>Hearts</u> and lives with His grace (5:1-15)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:10-11

- 3. Life: "I am the resurrection and the life"
 - As he raised Lazarus from the dead, so Jesus can save us from <u>Sin</u> and death forever (11:21-31; 10:17-18)

"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:30-31

• Conclusion: Jesus is **LORD** (20:28)

Get Started:

- 1. How did you first hear about Jesus? What were your early impressions of Him? Why?
- 2. How did you come to put your faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord? What helped you take this life changing step?

Dig Deeper:

- 3. Read John 20:24-31. What stands out to you in this passage?
- 4. Why did Thomas have trouble believing Jesus had risen from the dead?
- 5. How was Jesus especially gracious to Thomas?
- 6. What does the blessing in v. 29 mean to you today?
- 7. What was John's purpose for his book and approach to writing it (v. 30-31)? What signs and statements do you find most compelling? Why?

Move Forward:

- 8. How has Jesus helped you see the light of truth recently?
- 9. How has Jesus shown His love for you as a Good Shepherd recently?
- 10. How has Jesus proven His power for you recently, as the resurrection and the life?
- 11. To whom are you reaching out to help them meet Jesus?
- 12. How can we pray for you today?