

# JESUS - THE LIGHT IN A TIME OF DARKNESS

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## INTRO:

1. 2020 is full of dark moments
2. The world is looking for hope in these dark times
  - Hope in material possessions
  - Hope in places
  - Hope in people

## A. JESUS UNDERSTANDS US - HIS BIRTH (Psalm 139:3-4)

1. He experienced the humblest of livings. (Luke 2:6-7)
2. He experienced hardships during His time here.  
(John 6:66, John 11:33-36, Matt. 26:38, Mark 15:19)

## B. JESUS WITH US - HIS LIFE (Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:38-39)

1. He dwells in our hearts (Ephesians 3:17, John 14:16-17)
2. He lives in you and me (Ephesians 2:5, Romans 8:9)

## C. JESUS GUIDES US - HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION (Romans 5:6-8)

1. He shows us examples of how to live through His teachings (Matt. 6:31-33)
2. He leads us through the Holy Spirit (John 14:26, Acts 1:8)

## CONCLUSION

## TABLETALK QUESTIONS

The **Table Talk Questions** are not meant to replace the **Bible Engagement Project** series in the Life Group. These questions are intended for those who are not using BEP or wish to add more in-depth study of the sermon either in individual or small group use. May God bless you deeper in the study of His word.

1. Generally, where do people look to find hope?
2. There are moments we disconnect ourselves from God because we feel he cannot comprehend our struggles or feelings. John 11:33-36 illustrates sorrow that Jesus felt at the grief at Lazarus' tomb. In what ways does this exemplify God's empathy with us?
3. Read Romans 8:38-39. This passage illustrates the love God has for us. In what ways does this reassure God's presence in our lives?
4. John 14:26-27 reminds us that, while Jesus is not physically here with us, He remains present through the Holy Ghost. How does having the Holy Spirit affect the way we deal with:
  - Fear and Anxiety
  - Frustration and Bitterness
  - Sadness and Sorrow
5. Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection are all shining moments of hope, faith and purpose for God's people and how Christ is the light that continues to guide us till we reach our heavenly home. In what way in the past has Jesus been a light in your life and how does he continue to guide your path?