

Who Is This Man?
Messiah
April 7, 2024

As you engage in this discussion, follow the Spirit's leading and share your thoughts as you reflect on the message. Work through the discussion guide by reading Scripture and reflecting on a couple of questions and points from the message

Opening Question:

Do you have a favorite superhero? What is it about that hero that you admire?

Read the following scriptures together:

John 1: 45-49

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

Scriptures referenced:

1 Samuel 16:13, Jeremiah 23:5, Matthew 2:4-6, Genesis 3:15, Matthew 1:22-23, Matthew 5:17, Matthew 26:63-66)

A FEW QUESTIONS TO PONDER DURING YOUR DISCUSSION:

Was there something new you learned from this message?

Was there anything from the message that challenged your thinking?

How did the message encourage you?

A FEW POINTS AND QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

There is a repetitive theme in scripture, and life, that the foretold one (The Messiah) differs from the image people expected. **Do you think that is still true today? Do we have a different expectation of Jesus the Messiah than the reality from who He is?**

Since the beginning, in ancient Israel's creation story, we read the prophecy of a coming Messiah that will crush evil (represented by a serpent). The Messiah will defeat the darkness that was introduced into the garden at the beginning of time. **What implications does this title for Jesus (Messiah) have for your life today?**

CLOSING: PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR GROUP

Ask all participants in your group to think about someone in their life who needs to know Jesus as Messiah. As a group, lift up the names and simply pray for an open heart.