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SERIES Jesus claimed to be the way, the truth and the life. But the question is, "Who is Jesus to you?" Your answer makes all the difference in how you view your past, how you live today, and how you'll face tomorrow.

We are thirstier than ever to fill our needs in today's world. Isn't it comforting to know that Jesus can satisfy this thirst immensely more than any social media, bank account, job, relationship, drug, or food?

1. Jesus' disciples went from extreme joy and celebration at the start of Passion week to fear and uncertainty of their future. Jesus reassures them in John 14 to not be troubled. What triggers and feeds your fears? How does John 14 show that Jesus satisfies our need and how has He filled a thirst in your life? What are your favorite verses that remind you of how Jesus satisfies?
2. While quenching our need to belong, Jesus reminds us that He is preparing a place for us in heaven. In the meantime, we will have a peace that passes all understanding and that will guard our hearts. (Philippians 4:7) Have you experienced this kind of peace while living in a broken world? How does it change your outlook on your environment?
3. All the way from Israel, David explains that faith and doubt can co-exist as long as doubt isn't greater than faith. Read Matthew 17:20. How can these statements be an assurance to us? How do we also reconcile this truth with John 20:24-29 and James 1:5-8?
4. We have the promise from Jesus that we can ask for anything in His name and it will be done. (John 14:13-14) How is this statement *still* true when He doesn't give us what we ask? What do the following verses say about "unanswered" prayers: James 4:3; 1 John 5:14, Psalm 66:18; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9.
5. The stories of the woman at the well (John 4) and Lazarus' death/resurrection (John 11) show us what God is like. What are some of your favorite stories about Jesus and how do these stories help you understand who God is?
6. Jesus' prayer in John 17 provides six things that God wants for us: To deeply know God through a relationship with Jesus; Experience oneness with the family of Christ-followers; Have joy; Be set apart; Be sent out; Be filled with God's love. What are some practical ways to pursue these things? What stumbling blocks keep us from attaining these?

As you go through the Easter season, try to live out the words of an old hymn: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace." (Helen H. Hemmel)