

## DESCENDED INTO GREATNESS

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### *“Who is Jesus?”*

- 1. Review last week’s prayer requests and update each other**
- 2. Review the Big Idea:** What did you hear this morning?

As we take deliberate time to pull back the curtain and take a good hard look at Jesus one thing is for sure – we will never be the same. Seeing Jesus for who He really is isn’t just a history or theology lesson that will challenge our intellects but an opportunity to search our hearts to allow God the room in our hearts to let the truth of who Jesus is change us. Let’s be intentional in our journey toward Jesus and our conversation about Jesus to talk about how who He really is makes a practical difference in our everyday lives.

### **PULLING BACK THE CURTAIN, MARK REVEALS JESUS AS...**

#### **1. MESSIAH: GOD’S REIGNING KING**

*“Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from David’s family will someday be king. The Spirit of the LORD will be with him to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight. He will be powerful, and he will know and honor the LORD.”*

Isaiah 11:1-2 [CEV]

#### **2. DIVINE: GOD IN HUMAN FLESH**

*“A voice of one calling: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together.’”*

Isaiah 40:3-5a [TNIV]

#### **3. SAVIOUR: GOD DYING FOR OUR SIN**

*“He was despised and rejected by others, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”*

Isaiah 53:3-5 [TNIV]

- ***If Jesus really is ‘God’s Reigning King’ over our world and our lives, what difference does that really make in my life practically?***

- ***If God saw fit to implement His Kingdom by humbling Himself to serve humanity, what difference would that make in the way that we live our lives?***
- ***Have you ever stopped to think that God came to earth...as a person! As you consider that amazing truth, how does that affect the way that you view and relate to God?***
- ***How did this morning change your vision of the difference it makes to this world if Jesus were allowed to be who He came to be?***

***'Rubber meets the road'***

- ***To make the most out of this series, decide as an individual and share with your team one thing that you will do to be deliberate about growing in your knowledge and love of Jesus – taking this journey seriously.***

WHO IS JESUS...REALLY?

JESUS IS GOD HIMSELF COME DOWN TO PUSH BACK THE DARKNESS AND RECLAIM OUR WORLD FOR GOOD.