

EAGLE EYE: JESUS BY JOHN

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In this series, we're looking at Jesus' life as told by John in his gospel. You may want to read through the book of John together as a Hub in the run up to Easter, if so we can recommend this [Bible reading plan on the YouVersion App](#). Or, you might want to send around this [introduction to John's Gospel](#).

Sam introduced John's Gospel and explained why it is different from the others.

- Have you read John's Gospel before? If so, ask someone in your Hub to summarise what they have taken from it in the past.
- What did you learn about the four gospels from what Sam shared?

As we focus on John's Gospel, this series is a good chance to spend more time digging into the Bible. So, you may want to run your session as more of a 'Bible study' than a discussion about the talk. If so, read through John 1:1-14 and ask:

- Working through chronologically, what stands out to you about this passage?
- Is there anything you don't understand?
- What do you think John is trying to get across in this passage?
- Does it show you a side to Jesus that you haven't seen before?
- What does verse 5 mean to you today?
- Why is verse 14 so significant?

Alternatively, you may want to chat about the talk. If so, Sam suggested that most of us have a preference as to whether we relate to Jesus as God or Jesus as a person. Or, "Jesus the almighty and Jesus the all-matey".

- Where do you fall on this spectrum?
- Do you struggle with the idea of Jesus as fully human and fully God? If so, why?

Sam said that when we only see Jesus as God and don't remember that he is a person we miss out on the chance to have a deeper relationship with him. We also risk our faith becoming hypothetical.

- Have you ever experienced this?
- What can we do to make sure we relate to Jesus as a person?

Alternatively, we can forget that Jesus is God and our faith ends up missing anything of the 'supernatural'.

- Does this sound like your faith?
- Why is it important that we remember that Jesus is God?
- What difference should that make to our lives?

Finally, spend some time praying for each other. Steve made an important point whilst hosting that we can normalise our struggles as lockdown goes on and just grit our teeth. So, give some time to praying for one another in smaller groups.